

**Hackney Borough-Wide
Leaseholder & Freeholder
FORUM**



Minutes of Open Meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 4 March 08

at

Regan Way Community Centre, Regan Way, N1 6PH

Committee members present

Duriye Beidas (DU) Secretary

Peter Kinsey (PK) Chair

1. Apologies

Denise Bingham (DE) Treasurer, Susana Fajana-Thomas (SF), Brian Marsh (BM) Vice-Chair, James Merchant (JM), Habib Musisi (HM), Florence Ogunjiamusan (FO), Jarriet Oloye (JO), Sarah Salem (SS) Membership Secretary

2. Minutes of last meeting

Nothing to report as this is an open meeting.

3. Matters arising

Nothing to report as this is an open meeting.

4. Urgent Items

Nothing to report.

5. Finance and Funding

PK explained that, following the AGM, there is now a charge for membership. It would start on 1 April 08. A subscription form and a covering letter would be sent to all leaseholders and freeholders.

6. Membership

DU gave an update on the current number of members and the membership.

7. Communication

- **Website**
Update given by PK. It is the aim of the Forum to have its own website by the end of 2008.
- **Newsletter**
April Newsletter will go out shortly to all leaseholders and freeholders.

- **Open meetings**
A list of open meetings can be found in the April newsletter.
- **Advertising**
The Forum's stand at the HH Leaseholder & Freeholder Conference on 26 January 08, our website and newsletter are all attracting new members.

8. Casework

This item proved to be the substance of the meeting.

A Forum member highlighted a problem he was having in challenging poor quality work at his block of flats. The work was being done to a door entry system.

The work was of a very poor standard with sub-standard equipment and fittings.

He has already challenged this and had a good response. However, the matter has not yet been resolved.

He is hoping that the work will be done to a good standard as he has had assurances to this effect, but asked the Forum to support him in his situation and others in a similar situation in the Borough. They agreed to do so.

This member will keep the forum updated on the progress of the work, regarding both his particular case and similar ones in the Borough.

9. External Affairs

- **Hackney Homes**
HH has now appointed a new CEO, Charlotte Graves. PK emphasised that we will continue to work with her, as we did with her predecessor, to highlight the issues raised by our members.
- **Leasehold & Right to Buy Services**
PK gave update on the regular monthly meetings held with L&RTB, in which issues, problems and good practice was discussed and actioned.
- **Residents Liaison Group**
PK gave an update on the representation of the Forum in this Group.
- **TRAs**
Nothing to report.
- **Neighbourhood Panels**
Nothing to report.

10. Strategic Issues

Nothing to report.

11. Any other business

Nothing to report.

Meeting ended at 9.15pm

Next committee meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 1 April 08

at

Regan Way Community Centre, Regan Way, N1 6PH

Next open meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 3 June 08

at

Regan Way Community Centre, Regan Way, N1 6PH