



PBHA Forum
Minutes: 16 July 2014



Present: Six tenants, Mandy Mansfield (Minutes), Andrew Tyers

Chair: Patrick Caffrey

Patrick reminded the Forum that each person has five minutes to speak, and to allow others their turn and to listen with respect.

Agenda

- 1. Matters Arising from last meeting**
- 2. Board Member Recruitment**
- 3. Attendance at Board Meeting. 24-07-14 @6pm**
- 4. Tenant's Committee Members**
- 5. Temporary Suspension of tenant surgeries**
- 6. Isledon Hub Launch and BBQ – 22nd July at 1.30pm**
- 7. Support and activities at Isledon**
- 8. Pride Exhibition at Outpost**
- 9. Trip to Southend – Date and Activities**
- 10. Proposal for Forum at Isledon in August**
- 11. Mini review of issues/successes**
- 12. Community Meetings/Socials**
- 13. Core Arts event – Evening of 22nd July**
- 14. AOB**

1 Matters Arising

Rising Star was distributed last week. Pride party went well and was attended by over 60. Other matters arising appear on the Agenda.

2 Board Member Recruitment.

The role was advertised in the Rising Star. Mandy distributed packs to those interested. The Forum was reminded that applicants can not apply if they are in breach of their tenancy conditions, e.g. rent arrears.

3 Attendance at Board Meeting

Margaret O had previously volunteered, but was not present at the meeting. Mandy will ring to check she is still available. Tyron and Michael offered to step in as back up.

4 Tenant Committee Members

There are two vacancies on the Committee. Being a committee member involves being available for drop-in surgeries once a month, and attending additional pre-forum meetings. Training will be given to new candidates on confidentiality, boundaries and the complaints procedure. Patrick and Dennis volunteered. It was pointed out that there ought to be two females for equality. In the absence of an

extra female committee member, tenants can contact Precious for gender sensitive issues. **Action: Mandy to organise training for Patrick and Dennis with Andrew Tyers.**

5 Temporary suspension of tenant surgeries

Drop-ins will resume once the new committee members have had training.

6 Isledon Hub Launch and BBQ

The BBQ launch is being held on Tuesday 22nd July from 1.30pm. There will be an unveiling of The Community quilt and The Deputy Mayor of Islington will officially open the canteen.

7 Support and Activities at Isledon

Following the opening, the new hub will operate a light support service. Support drop in will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2pm-4pm, and Saturdays 10am-1pm. A tenant asked if the support was only for Islington clients. Tenants from either borough can use the new space and services.

The Isledon canteen will then re-open over the weekends. Friday 2pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-2pm, and Sundays 11am-2pm. Again, all welcome from both boroughs.

Other planned activities are coffee mornings, keep fit classes, cooking, women and men only groups and cook and eat. A 'Suggestions Board' will be available at the launch for ideas.

A tenant asked if Clissold can operate in a similar way. Mandy is unsure about the support drop-ins, but will visit Clissold and liaise with Precious around activities.

8 Pride exhibition at Outpost

The Pride exhibition is being moved to Outpost on Thursday. There will be an official launch of the publication later in the month.

9 Trip to Southend – Date and Activities

The trip has been set for **Friday 5th September**, which is after school holidays. The booking forms are available at both Receptions and at the back of the Rising Star. The trip is £5 per person. Various activities are planned, including the funfair, picnic, a funicular ride and exploring. Tenants will need to save their spending money for the trip. Tenants asked if they can bring their partners. It was confirmed that they may bring one partner on the trip.

10 Proposal of Forum at Isledon

In order to attract new people to the Forum, it was agreed to vary the venue. The next Forum will be held at Isledon. Sandwiches will be provided for those who attend. **Action: Mandy, Patrick and Tyron to liaise over preparation of sandwiches.** The plan is to hold them at Clissold also.

11 Mini review of issues.

Andrew asked for feedback around how tenants feel the Forum is going. What are its successes? It was felt that communication had improved. Mandy was reminded to forward minutes to those who attended, and for them to be put on noticeboards and communal areas.

It was felt that follow up of complaints has improved since Ross began overseeing them. Tenants are happy The Rising Star is being issued again and they are more involved in its production and content.

When asked about the future of the Forum, a tenant suggested a text service.

Action: Mandy will set this up using her mobile, and will text people to remind them of the next Forum.

12 Community Meetings/Socials

Item to be brought forward to the next meeting.

13 Core Arts event.

Mandy distributed fliers about the event.

14 AOB

It was asked if it would be possible to put timers on lights in communal hallways, as they are being left on all night. **Action: Mandy to enquire with the Property team.**

It was asked if there could be a TV/DVD for Isledon. **Action: Mandy to look into fundraising for this.**

Date of Next meeting: Wednesday 13th August at Isledon