



PBHA Forum

Meeting minutes: Tuesday 16 September 2014



Present: Six residents, Clare Norton, Zanna Rodriguez, Sopie Seka, Mandy Mansfield
Chair: Patrick Caffrey

Agenda

- Matters Arising from last meeting
- Premises Update (Clare)
- PBHA Film ideas (Zanna)
- New VCS Timetable
- Phones update
- Catering – Cooking, Food provision for Forum and Christmas (Sopie)
- Tenants Surgeries
- Budget planning
- Welcome Web drop-in
- Bonfire night at Clissold
- Buddying Roles
- Outcome Open Day at Islington Mind
- Rising Star – Articles help with mail out (Mandy)
- Film Matinees
- AOB

1 Matters Arising from last meeting

- New Tenant Board Member has been recruited. Philip Jones, present at the Forum, introduced himself.
- The lights at 179 Isledon have not been fixed. Mandy will follow up with Property team.
- The noticeboard for Isledon Canteen has been ordered. Patrick will ask people's views for where it will go.
- The Launch of Freedom Is... exhibition at Outpost went well with a good turn out with lots of local community attending. There was a fun atmosphere with music and poetry.

2 Premises Update

Clare updated the Forum that PBHA have contracted a design company for the fitting out of the new premises. Clare showed some design ideas of how the cafe and Reception might look, that give an 'open plan' feel, and asked for feedback. The consultation period is limited to the next 4-6 weeks before work starts. Interested

parties can visit the outside of the premises and then give feedback. We can choose the colours of walls and carpets later.

A forum member asked if there can be a smoking area included in the plans. Clare said there is a potential space outside the building. Another asked for a relaxation room.

The new building will need a name, and tenants and participants will have the opportunity to vote from a number of suggestions in the coming months. Clare left the design book available at the forum for further feedback.

3 PBHA Film Ideas

Zanna (Marketing and Communications Officer) introduced herself and explained that PBHA has the budget to make up to 4 short films about the work of PBHA. Zanna asked for suggestions about what the films should be about.

One suggested a history of Peter Bedford and in particular, Legard Works and the coming move. Another wanted to highlight how things have changed for the better over the years, particularly accepting diversity. Other ideas include films about creative industries, sharing stories and working futures.

4 New VCS Timetable

The new timetable was distributed for information.

5 Phones update

Following feedback that the phones in communal halls are not being used, PBHA plan to remove them by next April. This will reduce the service charge for tenants as well as save money for the organisation.

A tenant expressed concern that the most vulnerable are not left without means of communicating in an emergency (one resident in particular). Mandy will feedback to Management.

6 Catering

There had been some feedback that catering volunteers wanted the opportunity to plan and cook meals themselves. Sopia encouraged this and advised anyone interested to approach her with menu ideas.

There followed a discussion around the difference between the Legard and Stamford Works canteens, and the community canteens at Isledon and Clissold. Canteens at

Legard and Stamford need to be overseen by a member of staff, whereas Isledon and Clissold do not.

We need to bear this in mind when planning the venue for the Forums. Sopic was asked if she would be cooking at Clissold Road on Christmas day. Sopic will speak to her manager about this. Tenants from Isledon said that they would like to organise the Christmas lunch themselves.

Christmas planning will be on next month's agenda.

7 Tenants Surgeries

These are re-starting in October.

- Legard Works 12pm-2pm on Monday 6th October
- Stamford Works 12pm-2pm on Tuesday 14th October

Any tenant or participant can approach the Committee members for advice and info.

8 Welcome Web Drop-in

This will be opened for one afternoon a week for people to access the Internet and IT facilities. The date of when it starts to be confirmed.

9 Bonfire Night at Clissold.

There has been a traditional bonfire at Clissold every year, and there will be one this year as usual.

10 Buddying Roles

Mandy advised the forum that she is setting up a new welcome buddy system. This would be to help new tenants settle in to their homes. Anyone interested in volunteering can speak to Mandy.

11 Outcome Open Day at Islington Mind

Patrick distributed information about an LGBT open day on Tuesday 23rd at Islington Mind. All welcome.

12 Rising Star.

Mandy will be distributing the new edition next week, and asked for last minute contributions. A number of participants volunteered to assist with distribution.

13 Film Matinees.

Mandy will be setting up monthly afternoon film matinees at Stamford Works. One participant asked if these could be done in the evenings. This may not be possible due to staffing.

14 AOB

A tenant asked if there could be an audio version of The Rising Star. Mandy will look into this.

15 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15th October at Clissold Road. Lunch 12.30pm, Forum 1pm