



Peter Bedford Housing Association Forum

Meeting minutes: 22 October 2014



Present: 5 tenants, 1 participant, Andrew Tyers, Mandy Mansfield (minutes)
Apologies: Tyron Sembu
Chair: Andrew Tyers

Agenda

- Matters Arising from last meeting
- Premises Update
- Site visit
- Consultation on premises layout
- Intercoms at Isledon
- Christmas
- Review of tenant surgeries and dates
- Dates of forum next 3 months
- Bonfire Night at Clissold
- Over 50s club
- NHS Commissioning event
- AOB

1 Matters Arising from last meeting

- Films. Mandy has contacted two professional film makers who may be able to help make the film shorts. However, we will need people willing to go in front of the camera and tell their stories. ACTION: Mandy to speak to support workers and vocational classes to get interested volunteers.
- Buddy Light Role. Mandy asked for volunteers. Precious is interested. Mandy will arrange meeting to discuss role and tasks.
- Welcome Web drop-in. Every Thursday afternoon, 2pm-4pm at Stamford Works.
- Phones update. Andrew has been in contact with support workers about phone removal and there have been no concerns raised.
- Christmas Day at Clissold. Unfortunately Sopie is unable to do Christmas Day at Clissold this year. PBHA can provide a taxi if residents would like to go to Isledon. ACTION: Precious to enquire about numbers so we can plan taxis.

2 Premises update

Andrew advised that the empty shell of the building in Haggerston is being handed over on 17th November. PBHA have contracted a company called Maris to fit it out. Consultation on the new layout is in progress (item on Agenda). There will be a cafe,

training rooms, meeting rooms and offices. Workers from both Stamford and Legard will be based there. We are aiming to move February/March next year. There will be no joinery as there are residential flats above. PBHA are looking for an alternative site for joinery and creative industries, possibly local railway arches.

The cafe will not provide full, cooked meals, as we are unlikely to gain planning permission. We will offer tea, coffee and snacks, and it will be open to members of the public. A tenant asked how we will advertise the cafe. We will leaflet local area nearer the time, possibly offering 20% discount to residents of the building.

3 Site visit

Mandy asked if anyone was interested in visiting the building. No-one present was interested, but one other tenant has expressed interest. Mandy will follow up on this.

4 Move Consultation

Andrew distributed the survey and images of the potential layout for feedback. Those present completed, most strongly like the new design. Patrick took some away to complete with tenants at Isledon.

5 Intercoms at Isledon

The forum requested door entry intercoms at for flats at 131 and 179 Isledon, following an incident. It was noted that all flats at Clissold have them. ACTION: Mandy to contact property team.

6 Christmas

The forum was asked what people would like for Christmas. For example, a traditional Christmas lunch or buffet. One tenant said he would prefer a buffet, with a raffle, music and games in a community hall. However, there may be a main party in January to celebrate leaving Legard and Stamford. ACTION: Mandy will consult with Andrew and Clare and feedback.

7 Review of tenant surgeries and dates

Nobody attended the last two surgeries for advice, but they were still useful as a means of peer support for committee members. It was suggested we do larger posters to advertise the drop-ins. Patrick is able to do Wednesdays from 11am-1pm, but no later. Patrick proposed Carol Cameron as new committee member. ACTION: Mandy to meet Carol to go over complaints procedure etc. Dates for this months surgeries are to be confirmed.

8 Dates of Forum next 3 months

- Wednesday 26th November 2014 at Legard Works
- Tuesday 21st January 2015 at Stamford Works
- Wednesday 18th February 2015 at Isledon Road (provisional).

9 Bonfire Night at Clissold

There is not going to be an official bonfire this year.

10 Over 50s Club

Patrick and Carol would like to start an over 50s club, open to all older residents. They propose to hold it on the last Monday of each month at Isledon. The plan is to have different themes, for example, mental health, drugs and alcohol, or IT skills. They would like to do occasional trips out, and involve Age UK. Patrick asked if there might be any money available to facilitate this. ACTION: Mandy to meet with Patrick and Carol, to help draw up a proposal.

11 NHS Commissioning event

Information was distributed about a health consultation event at Hackney Town Hall.

12 AOB

A special thanks to Precious for cooking a delicious lunch for the forum.