



PBHA Forum
Minutes: Wednesday 17th June 2015



Present: 8 Tenants, Clare Norton (CEO), Mandy Mansfield (Participation Officer)
Chair: Kevin F
Apologies: Kitty, Carol
Minutes: Mandy Mansfield

Agenda

- 1 Minutes and Matters arising from last meeting
- 2 PBHA 5 Year Strategy
- 3 Volunteers needed to attend July Board Meeting
- 4 Pride Planning
- 5 Vote for Seaside destination and Date
- 6 Street Graffiti Art Walk
- 7 Over 50s Club
- 8 Date of next meeting
- 9 AOB

1 Minutes and Matters arising from last meeting

- **Gardening at Isledon** – Some vegetables have been planted and the garden tidied up. Mandy to arrange for Sam to do another visit. It was queried if there is any money available for plants or vegetable seeds. **ACTION:** Mandy to check with Pam.
- **Antisocial Behaviour Team** – Islington ABT could not attend this months forum, but they are happy to come to the next. **ACTION:** Mandy to invite to next meeting.
- **Computers update** – There has been a delay in getting the computers wiped. **ACTION:** Mandy to chase up with Pauline.
- **Communication update** – A system for fortnightly bulletins has not yet been put into place. Mandy will liaise with different teams to establish a procedure.
- **Open Squares at Clissold Gardens** – Precious reported that quite a few people attended over the weekend including staff and participants. Everyone enjoyed swapping gardening tips and cakes.

2 PBHA 5 Year Strategy

Clare feedback following three strategy workshops. A lot of residents felt that move-on accommodation was important to them. Dealing with antisocial behavior promptly was also raised. There were a few complaints about this but not a lot.

The Board is putting together a business plan, PBHA will be focusing on move –on and progression. PBHA will be investing in properties including decorating of all properties. Tenants need to check their individual tenancies to see who is responsible for interior decoration. Using results of the stock condition survey, PBHA will be replacing some kitchens and bathrooms, and some electrics and carpets. Tenants need to check their individual tenancies to see who is responsible for internal decorations. Tenants have access to a decorating grant, and can phone the property team for advice.

PBHA wants to promote digital awareness. There are various deals for social housing tenants that PBHA is looking into, for putting wifi into people's homes.

For longer term projects, PBHA is looking into employing service users and introducing apprenticeships.

3 Volunteers needed to attend July Board Meeting

The forum was asked for 2 volunteers to attend the next Board Meeting in July, to talk about the forum and involvement in general. Isaac Bamgbose and Kevin Farrell agreed to attend. Mandy will liaise with them nearer the time.

4 Pride Planning

As the theme for this year is LBGT Heroes, Mandy asked for suggestions as she is organising an exhibition. The food is being prepared by tenants this year at Isledon. The main party is on Friday 3rd July at Legard Works (the last ever at Legard). Mandy has booked a band, and everyone is encouraged to join in and dance. There will be a talent contest and disco, and fancy dress is optional. There will be a tombola, with letting off balloons at the end.

5 Vote for Seaside destination and Date

Precious had asked participants at Clissold to vote on the destination. Posters were at Legard, and the Forum was asked to vote. It was close between Hastings and Brighton, and Brighton won by 8 votes to 6. The date is Friday 14th August. There will be a booking form in the next Rising Star and at Reception. The trip costs £5 and a packed lunch will be provided.

It was asked if people could bring a friend outside PBHA. The coach will hold 50 people including 5 staff. We can operate a reserve list for friends but PBHA tenants and participants have priority.

6 Street Graffiti Art Walk

Bablu is facilitating a street art walkabout of the Hoxton area on Thursday 18th June, 2pm-5pm. It is aimed at people under 30, but anyone interested to contact Orla.

7 Over 50s Club

The next Over 50s Club is planned for Monday 29th July, leaving Isledon at 11.30am. The club will be visiting the new creative industries hub, visiting the Jeffrey Museum and having a picnic in the local park.

8 Date of next meeting

The Forum decided on a break for one month in July. The next Forum will be on **Tuesday 18th August at Legard Works**. Lunch 12.30pm, Forum 1pm.

9 AOB

- **Move Update.** PBHA are expecting to have moved to the new premises by mid-September.
- **Funding Application.** PBHA is looking into putting in a bid for seasonal activities and measuring health benefits. Fitbits are watch-like devices that measure heartrate, blood pressure and how many paces people walk daily. The forum was asked if any Over 50's tenants would be interested in wearing them. It was asked who monitors the information, would it be sent externally or kept within PBHA? **ACTION:** Mandy to enquire, but she believes any information collected would be anonymous. 4 people said they may be interested.
- **Dustbins.** It was reported that neighbouring tenants are using PBHA bins at Stacey Street. Another tenant requested chains on doors that lock bins, since some have gone missing. **ACTIONS:** Clare to write to neighboring tenants at Stacey Street, and will cc Islington Council. Kevin to distribute the letters. Michael to speak to property team.