

ADEL CRAG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes Held on Tuesday 26 February 2013

Attendance:

Francis Garbutt (FG), June Bricklebank (JB), Anne Baxendale (AB), Edward Buckley (EB), Andrea Turner (AT), Phillip Metcalfe (PM), Maureen Lye (ML), Patricia Strickson (PS) and Wendy Doyle (WD).

Officers: Mamta Sharda, Housing Team Leader.

1.0 Welcome and Chairman's Opening Remarks

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone and introduced the agenda items.

2.0 Apologies

2.1 Apologies received from PSCO Christopher King and Charlie Dawson, Adel Crag Youth Representative.

3.0 Police Update

3.1 Nothing to report.

4.0 Minutes of last Meeting

4.1 These minutes were accepted and approved as a true record.

5.0 Matters Arising – Action Points Not On Agenda

5.1 (Minute 8.1) The newsletters were not available for January due to unforeseen circumstances but hopefully will be for Easter.

5.2 (Minute 7.2) Should read all repairs have 90 days guaranteed.

5.3 FG declared that had joined the Adel Neighbourhood Forum group as he has interest in the forum, particularly in ensuring issues related to social housing are addressed in the plan and in any proposed development.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Received correspondence from Stephen Towler, Tenant Scrutiny Project Officer of WNWhL relating to Scrutiny Report on Property Security. FG briefly read out the details. Should you have any questions about the Tenant Scrutiny FG would report back to Stephen Towler.

7.0 WNWhL Issues

7.1 It was confirmed that the salt & grit boxes situated in Adel Wood Close, 61 Wayland Approach and outside Adel Wood Stores have not been refilled. MS **agreed** that she would contact the Estate Caretakers and highways to action.

7.2 It was reported that a number of residents on the Adel Woods, Wayland Approach and Wayland Croft had a missed green bag collection today. The green and black wheelie bins had been emptied. FG was to report this back to Cllr Barry Anderson.

- 7.3 According to the list the next Estate Inspection is on Friday 29 March, meeting outside the shop at 10.00 am. FG mentioned that this is Good Friday. MS would check and confirm alternative date and report back.

It was reported that we do not receive feedback in relation to the Estate Inspections. PM attended the last two but never received copies. MS confirmed that she would ask Chris Tollick to produce a completed Estate Inspection sheet for every inspection. It was mentioned that the Tenant Inspector does not always turn up. MS suggested to the group that one of you may wish to become a Tenant Inspector.

- 7.4 There is still an issue with moss in the ginnels which was reported at the Estate Inspection 30 November 2012.

- 7.5 A member of our committee received a letter relating to ASB which appeared to be a standard letter was pushed through their letterbox, suggesting they may have been the cause of the issue. MS confirmed it is a standard letter which is posted to areas where there has been some form of ASB but not aimed to a specific individual. FG confirmed he would contact the Weetwood Neighbourhood Team.

- 7.6 It was reported that some residents had not received the winter 2012 Issue 24 Buzz Magazine. Also there were concerns about a summary sheet showing amounts of rent paid enclosed in the same plastic envelope and would prefer that it is posted out separate from the magazine. MS **agreed** to report back to Heather Barnes regarding distribution of the magazine and FG **agreed** he would pass on the groups concerns about the matter of rent summary sheets enclosed inside the magazine to Lee Wright, Resident Involvement Project Officer at the next CINEC meeting.

- 7.7 FG reminded the group about Review of ALMO's and Housing Management Arrangements – There have been a number of road shows and one tonight at St Chads Parish Church PM mentioned that he had attended a road show at Holt Park and found it interesting and had chance to meet several people. The end result was that you had the choice either tick the box for one ALMO or Council.

It was confirmed that all Tenants and Leaseholders had received their handouts and questionnaires completed and returned them.

In addition WNWhL have plans to visit their area in a mobile van on Thursday 28 March – so if you would like them to meet with our group, or representatives of it, please let FG know.

- 7.8 MS confirmed that the shrubberies outside 2 AWG have now been put on the system to cutback.

- 7.9 AB raised an issue about the mess the pathway was left outside 47 & 49 Wayland Approach after the workmen from the electrical company dug up the ground due to a power cut. It was suggested they need to come back to grass the area. MS agreed to investigate

- 7.10 MS confirmed that the matter of the bird seed in the area of AWC has been dealt with. Letters with attached information on wildlife has been distributed to the area concerned to let residents know it is not allowed to throw bird seed or bread in a public area but to use the proper bird dispensers. This would also include monitoring.

- 7.11 It was reported that the graffiti on the Virgin Media box opposite Flat 3 Adel Wood Close has been cleaned.

- 7.12 FG mentioned that some of you may have seen PM walking about and explained

that due to some external projects going on within our area we wanted to establish a survey to obtain figures so PM agreed to do an independent survey.

8.0 Community Garden/Play Area

- 8.1 FG reminded the group about the matter of our application form for the Area Panel Bidding which was submitted to WNWhL last year for a community garden opposite the junction of Wayland Approach and Sir George Martin Drive.

In December FG received an email from Wyn Davies to confirm that our bid had been acknowledged but he had received an expression of interest from the Adel Association to develop a similar proposal to turn this piece of land into a community garden? He suggested as the aims of both proposals are so similar that it would be worth while us both working together developing this idea.

After careful consideration FG decided that it was a good idea to work jointly so he contacted one of the local residents who is involved in this project to arrange a meeting with the parent's concerned to discuss ways to move the project forward.

The email FG received from the local resident dated 6 February was as follows:
"Morning Francis after speaking to Faye we are both struggling to see that the proposed location for the community garden/ play area isn't ideal. The parking options and size and cost of the development doesn't add up. More suitable venues in our mind include the grass area at the stables in Adel opposite the golf course or next to St. John's school next to the car park."

This is the extract from the minutes of the Adel Association meeting FG attended last Thursday

Amanda Schonfeld updated the meeting on the play area. She met along with another parent Luke Davies, with West North West Homes (WNWHL), Cllr. Barry Anderson and Barrie Hopson. At that meeting Wyn Davies from WNWHL agreed the parents could develop a questionnaire for residents and this would also go to the Council tenants in Wayland Croft/Approach.

Amanda reiterated that the site for a playground must meet certain criteria and fit with the Playground Association's guidelines e.g. visible from a main road.

FG raised a point at the meeting that there is a matter of conflicting information here and suggested to Amanda Schonfeld to contact the local resident who emailed FG (this was not minuted at the Adel Association meeting).

FG mentioned to the Adel Crag Committee there were some residents at the meeting strongly opposed to the idea of a play area.

The Committee was perturbed about the whole situation so it was decided that FG would email Wyn Davies tomorrow to request a response to his previous email. MS thought the suggestion of working jointly was a good idea and confirmed she had spoken to Wyn Davies and he is to respond to FG email.

The Chair thanked Mamta Sharda for attending then she left the meeting.

9.0 Diversity Community Fund Bids

- 9.1 FG announced that he was pleased to receive a letter of confirmation for our application to the Diverse Community Fund for "Family Fun Day" was considered at the Customer Involvement Network Executive Committee on 11 February 2013 and approved. FG is to organise a special meeting to discuss ideas and to agree a date for the event.

10.0 Development Issues – Bodington Hall/Lawnswood

10.1 FG declared he had attended the drop in session meeting at Bodington Hall which he found very interesting. The information can be viewed on our website.

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Cllr. Anderson went on to advise that DWH are the preferred bidder for the Bodington Hall site. They are also interested in the Lawnswood Government Buildings site when it becomes available and as Barratts they are now interested again in the Eastmoor site.

The affordable properties have not yet been advertised at the Holt Avenue site as no agreement has been signed off with Leeds Federated Housing who will be providing these.

The contact residents should use for any problems with DWH is David Hunter the site manager (Tel. **07702 678240**).

A resident asked what numbers of housing could go on Lawnswood. "At this stage it is not known. The outline for Bodington is 106 plus 29 on the top field at the Otley Road entrance. The Planning Application is most likely to be submitted at the end of March 2013.

The Bodington site construction traffic will access the site from Otley Road. The show homes will be built at the Adel Lane end and will be accessed from Adel Lane."

11.0 NGT Trolleybus

11.1 FG handout leaflets and gave a brief discussion of plans. He mentioned that there had been a meeting at the Holt Park 31st January at Ralph Thoresby School which was well attended. The outcome was that they don't want the trolleybus.

12.0 AOB

12.1 Bus timetables 27 January 2013 were made available for information.

12.2 Update on Customer Training Opportunities – spring 2013.

12.3 Update on TPAS Training courses.

12.4 Voluntary Action Leeds – How to run community Event on Tuesday 19 March.

12.5 FG declared that he now attends PRG Meetings and should you have any ideas of ways to improve the doctors surgery please let him know. FG gave out the new telephone number for the doctors surgery 0113 2369056.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

13.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

13.1 Tuesday 26 March 2013

Chair's Signature:

Print Name: Date: