

WOODBERRY DOWN COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Tuesday 2th July 2024

5pm Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Jackie Myers, Andres Anderson, Phil Cooke, William Sheehy, Kalu Amogu

Visitors: Roda Hassan, Emre Ozturk

Apologies: Leonora Williams, Adrian Essex

Section 0 – Introduction

0.1 Minutes:

Minutes were accepted from the 25th June meeting with no corrections.

0.2 Matters arising:

0.21 Roda has emailed Omar to discuss the drafting of a letter to NHG expressing members' distrust and disappointment regarding the service charge situation.

0.22 There is still no confirmed date for DHN the meeting; however, it is anticipated to occur in July.

Section 1 – Major Topics

1.1 Preparations for the Liaison meeting

1.11 At the Board meeting, Roda asked NHG if Vital could provide a statement demonstrating the account reconsiderations and corrections made. She will raise this again at the Liaison meeting.

1.13 William mentioned that the main gate at Green Lanes has been broken for two months, and this issue should be escalated as no action has been taken.

1.14 William also asked if the bubbling glass issue has been resolved. He noted that while some of the bubbling glass was previously replaced, the remaining glass could not be completed due to incorrect sizes. He stated that no update has been provided since.

1.2 Preparations for the July Board meeting

1.21 Roda noted that the masterplan update will not be presented at the Board meeting in July. She has informed Berkeley that the next board meeting after July is not until September, which is the AGM. Typically, no presentations are scheduled for the AGM. However, she stated that the Board might need to arrange a standalone meeting in August for this presentation.

1.22 The out-of-phase split household report is to be given at the next Board meeting.

1.3 Correspondence

1.31 Roda noted she had been contacted by an organisation that organises weekly car boot sales. They have been approached by Woodberry Down Primary School to hold a car boot sale in the school playgrounds. They need to seek permission from the local council to hold this weekly event at the school. Before they submit an application, the school suggested they contact WDCO to help determine whether this weekly event would be a good fit for the Woodberry Down community. The Executive Committee members felt that a weekly car boot sale could be a great addition to Woodberry Down, as it would increase footfall and benefit the community. It could also provide extra income for the primary school, benefiting the children attending the school. The Chair has asked Roda to email the Board and gather their thoughts on this proposal.

ACTION: Roda will email the Board and ask for the feedback before responding.

1.4 Partnership agreement

1.41 Jackie mentioned that there should have been a section highlighting what is being added and what is being removed to make it easier to view.

1.42 William asked if there will be a review of the last Awayday to evaluate what was done well and identify areas for improvement. Roda responded that, as per the Chair's suggestion, the away day actions will be reviewed at the Round Table meeting. For the next Round Table, they are due to review the away day actions related to governance.

1.5 Planning consultation letter

1.51 Roda explained that she circulated the planning consultation letter (reference: 2024/1242) to the board. The Council has received an application seeking planning permission for advertisement consent for 25 banners mounted on lamp posts displaying the logos of Woodberry Down Development, Berkeley Homes, Hackney Council, Manor House Development Trust, and Woodberry Down Community Organisation. These banners will be located along Woodberry Grove, Woodberry Down, New River Path, Swan Lane, and within the amenity space serving The Parkhouse. If WDCO wants to submit any observations or comments to be considered in the assessment of the planning application, these must be submitted by July 11th.

1.6 Next week's round table

1.61 At the next Round table meeting, there will be a review of the governance actions from the day. Hackney has requested that Roda provide updates on the following items, which were assigned to WDCO:

- Clarify the process for decision-making in WDCO meetings, including timelines, escalation procedures, and expectations. (All partners)
- Enhance the agenda, strategic focus, and meeting outcomes of WDCO meetings.
- Assess current meetings to ensure they are fit for purpose and producing the desired outcomes. (All partners)
- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Block-level (Resident Association) meetings.

1.62 Roda notes that only two of these actions pertain to the WDCO Executive Committee, both of which have already been discussed by the Committee.

ACTION: Roda will respond to Hackney with the outcomes of the Executive Committee's discussions.

2. AOB:

2.1 Jackie mentioned that Jamie will be leaving Berkeley, and suggested that it would be appropriate to acknowledge this at the next Board meeting.