

EastendHomes
GLAMIS ESTATE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Notes of Meeting
Wednesday 6th November 2013 at 6.45 pm
Glamis Hall Cable Street

PRESENT

Estate Management Board

Margaret Clark
Daryl Stafford
Ann Brooks
Kazi M. Gous-Miah
Ted Weedon
Salim Jobber
Desmond Ellerbeck
Ahad Miah
Ron Osborne
Maria Pennycuick

In Attendance

Tim Ravenscroft – EastendHomes
Peter Griffiths – EastendHomes
Julia Ingall - Minutes

Observers

11 observers

ACTION

1. Apologies

Mary Walsh
Jan Anstey Hayes
Ron Osborne for lateness
Salim Jobber for lateness
Steven Inkpen
Steve Russell

Daryl Stafford chaired the meeting.

2. Tower Hamlets revised lettings policy

This is now to be covered at GRA.

3. Notes of last meeting

3.1 Margaret Clark had not received the notes of the previous meeting.

6.5 last sentence to read... 'racist or sexist' in any way...

3.2

Notes agreed with the above change.

4. Matters arising from notes of last meeting

4.1 2.8 – Phase 3 list – refer to regeneration sub-group.

4.2 4.3 – regeneration sub-group – Ted Weedon reminded all to attend, meetings held third Wednesday each month.

All

4.3 5.- governance – included later on agenda

5. Update on governance review

5.1 Tim Ravenscroft said the HCA had produced guidance concerning the governance of RP's and any review of EastendHomes M & A needed to take account of this guidance.

5.2 Daryl Stafford Ellerbeck wanted to know where they were with consultation on M & A changes as this was supposed to finish by the end of the year; Peter Griffiths explained that there were implications for the M & A in the HCA guidance and these needed to be taken into account. John Wright said that the rules stated that if M & A were to change there must be consultation; Peter said they would need to come back on this as the new requirements must be considered. An observer said that eastendHomes had made promises that were not being fulfilled as there had been no consultation. Maria Pennycuick said the deadline for consultation was December but nothing had happened yet, she felt it was unprofessional for there to be no idea when this would be.

5.3 Peter said it was important that the minutes reflected the concerns on timing and dates of consultation and the strength of feeling at EMB.

5.4 Maria was fed up with excuses from eastendHomes. John Wright said eastendHomes had wanted to change M & A and bring them in mid-summer but pressure had been put on them to delay until December 31st. An observer thought what was said in the hall meant nothing to eastendHomes, he felt eastendHomes was a private club run not for the benefit of residents and was not accountable. Margaret Clark was bothered that HCA had become involved; Peter said the HCA rules applied to all RSLs, they were not looking specifically at eastendHomes. Ted Weedon said he agreed that eastendHomes was run like a club, the Board seemed to have a number of 'time servers', it would be nice if what was said at EMB could be passed on to the Board. Peter explained that the M & A could not be altered without consultation, together with Tim Ravenscroft he would ask the Director of Regeneration to raise the feeling of EMB with the Board and find out what would happen about consultation.

PG/TR

5.5 An observer asked why Paul Bloss or John Henderson were not at EMB meetings; Peter explained the way it worked was that John went to Mile End EMB and Steven Inkpen came to Glamis, this was so continuity was preserved, Paul Bloss had been to meetings

5.6 Peter Griffiths to report back to the next meeting, if not before, on the process for changes to M & A with dates. Maria Pennycuick said people were frustrated at lack of progress.

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5.7	Desmond Ellerbeck suggested sending an observer to the Board meeting on behalf of EMB, meeting agreed this should be Desmond – Peter to liaise with Desmond on this.	PG/DE
5.8	John Wright said he thought Desmond should apply to be an independent member of the Board.	
6.	Regeneration update	
6.1	Tim Ravenscroft said the S106 for King David Lane had been signed. Steve Russell would circulate the strategic management plan; pre contract meeting was to be held 13 th November to resolve final points.	Regen sub-group agenda
6.2	Feasibility and investigative works were in progress on the pramshed conversions, costing hopefully should be available soon.	
6.3	Residents would be involved in cladding issues; more information would be available from Steve Russell in the future.	
6.4	Desmond Ellerbeck asked about the fob access to Elf Row Green, Tim said there were housing management objections due to ASB concerns, Desmond said freeholders each side were happy for it to go ahead so long as the doors did not slam – report back to next regeneration sub-group.	Regen sub-group agenda
6.5	John Wright asked what was happening about hot water metering, Tim said he thought a report was going to homeownership forum on this, EMB asked for it to also go to regeneration sub-group.	Regen sub-group agenda
6.6	An observer asked about some scaffolding in Glamis Road, Tim thought it was a housing management matter but agreed to look into it and let her know.	TR
7.	Update on board elections	
7.1	Peter Griffiths said a number of people had applied to be on EMB, some of them were ineligible and he had been investigating these to check whether there were changes in their circumstances that might make them eligible such as back payments of benefits due, he would be contacting everyone who applied once the investigations were finished, he would also write to those eligible to check they still wanted to be EMB members by 12 th November. Ted Weedon said people who had applied to be EMB members should have come to the meeting.	PG
7.2	Peter had been looking at possible constituencies and made some suggestions. EMB wanted to stay with what the last meeting had agreed to Glamis East with 6 representatives, Glamis West with 7 representatives Gordon House with 5 representatives	
7.3	Peter said the service charge paying freeholder place was already filled	

so there was no vacancy but others could apply to be co-opted as there were 2 co-optees places even if the board had all 18 members in place.

7.4 Once the number of eligible applicants was known Peter would know whether they need to have elections, he would then need to check with applicants whether they were happy with their statements or wanted to change them and also that they still wanted to stand. He suggested different dates for each constituency ballot would be needed to prevent confusion, ballot boxes would be in the hall and those eligible to vote would be told what proof they would need to bring with them.

7.5 Many people present at the meeting were not happy with the time being taken over the elections. Would like people in post by January meeting and if possible for 4th December, Peter said he would endeavour to do this if possible and would inform the chair if there were delays and the reasons, Peter agreed to provide an update for the regeneration sub-group meeting on 20th November.

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8. Any other business

8.1 Desmond Ellerbeck said the chicken shop had applied to extend its opening hours, he had copied of the application if anyone wanted to object, EMB and GRA could also object as a group and it was proposed the chair write on behalf of the groups.

8.2 Desmond Ellerbeck said the women's group were meant to meet on Tuesday afternoons but had not turned up recently and he proposed ending the arrangement; Peter Griffiths said there were a number of reasons why they had not turned up. Agreed to refer the matter to GRA with explanations from the lead person if available.

8.3 Desmond Ellerbeck said there was to be jumble sale in the hall on 9th November.

8.4 Ted Weedon said he felt the AGM should be held during a fixed month each year – for EMB to consider.

EMB

8.5 Ted Weedon asked if minutes could be sent out earlier so members had enough time to consider them and copies of agendas to be available for observers.

6. Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th December 6.45 pm

Minutes agreed

Signed..... Name..... Position

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