

NIGHTINGALE PARTNERSHIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday, 24th October 2018 @ 6.30pm
At Nightingale Community Hall, Olympus Square, E5 8PL

Attendees Present
James MacDaid (JMD) – Chair
Deirdre McEnhill (DME) – Vice Chair
Carole Baines (CB) – Secretary
Nicky Wilson (NW)
Barbara Murray (BM)
Veronica Raymond (VR)

Officers/Guest/Councillors Maxine Iqbinedion (MI)

Apologies Ruth Talbot, Abiodun Ogunsola, David Stoke, Lena Ngenda, Cllr Sem Moema, Gifford Alexander, Daeng Hadi, Clare McKenna, Shakur Ali

Item 1.	Welcomes, Introductions and Code of conduct
	<p>JMD welcomed new Committee detailing tonight was a soft introduction to the NPRA and its business due to the delayed AGM and getting things organised. The Extended Tenants Residents Association (ETRA) would be happening on the 28th November.</p> <p>Apologies were noted, and one former member of the NPRA, Daeng Hadi wished to come back as a full NPRA member but he couldn't attend as he was detained at a hospital appointment. This was agreed and noted.</p>
1.2	<p>JMD reminded all attending to sign the Code of Conduct, and that going forward the sometimes chaotic meetings of the past would not be tolerated. In future, JMD would give an attendee an initial warning, and on their second warning would ask them to leave the room for ten minutes. This was to ensure that the meetings would not be constantly interrupted and it could be kept to time.</p>
1.3	<p>JMD proceeded to go through the next items on the agenda. Outlined that the agenda items had specific times allocated against them, and each item would be kept to time to ensure the meetings wouldn't overrun.</p>

Item 2.	Introduction of NPRA members
	<p>JMD proceeded to outline his background. Newly elected Chair, lives on 22 Brackenfield Close and had been on the Estate since 2013. He had been involved with the NPRA on and off for 4 years. Outlined that he had learnt from his previous Chairing of the NPRA and had lots of new ideas for the coming year.</p>
2.1	<p>DME said she lived on 20 Della Path and had been on Nightingale Estate for 40 plus years. She hoped that she could help and return the Estate to what it used to be.</p>

2.2	<p>NW lived on the Estate for the last five years and worked on and off with the NPRA for the last three years but was now back on it. She outlined that she with BM was a representative on the Regeneration Steering Group. JMD asked NW to outline what the steering group was and its function(s).</p> <p>JMD queried if there was any opportunities to join the Steering Group. NW confirmed that two people had come forward to join and she was happy to pass her number on for anyone else that would like to join.</p>
2.3	<p>CB outlined she had been Secretary for the NPRA for 6 years and had lived on the Estate since 1972. Living at Rogate House.</p>
2.4	<p>MI said she had lived on Nightingale for 10 years and her background and work was in construction, working as a Liaison Officer for ten years, with some experience in community and charity work. She was very keen to see what was going on in the current community and get more involved. NW said with her experience and background she'd be ideal to join the Steering Group.</p>
2.5	<p>VR said she had lived on Nightingale since 1972, and ran the old social club tenant's hall for five years. She also runs the Domino Club in the new tenants hall which is every Friday evening. Been a Committee member since the 1972.</p>
2.6	<p>BM been a member for a number of years, she enjoys the meetings, but feels there is too much bickering and fears she will leave if it doesn't end.</p> <p>JMD stated he wanted her to stay and the NPRA needs as many residents to attend and be part of the association. JMD outlined that going forward he hoped not to have such bickering and arguments. NW said with the new group of NPRA members that it should be a new more positive experience.</p> <p>JMD outlined that there would be separate meetings for Seaton Point members of Nightingale as in the past, their specific issues dominated the meetings when JMD used to chair. The division of meetings was to ensure that Seaton Point issues could have the time dedicated to them.</p>

Item 3.	<p>Skill set for future events</p>
	<p>JMD said that he was keen that more events would be run for children and older people of Nightingale and he wanted to see what skills that members had that would be useful for future activities.</p> <p>JMD outlined his skill set in getting involved in local government, lobby people and use more technology to advertise what the NPRA does better and make it more accessible. Also to put the work in to get events organised for the residents.</p>
3.1	<p>DME suggested a morning coffee event for a mixed age group. She said she had run one before in Islington for St. Joseph's hospice, making over £450 for them.</p> <p>Discussion over how to get Nightingale residents involved with such events. NW outlined that the coffee mornings was one event that residents had asked for, and that it was good to try things and see if they work or not. VR said that they needed for members involvement to make them work, and there was a general apathy amongst many. JMD suggested an idea that was discussed previously of dedicating an hour or two on a weekend and pick a street and/or block and introducing the NPRA and what activities and functions they did.</p>

<p>3.2</p> <p>Action: NW</p>	<p>NW organised, computer literate and used technologies like Twitter, Facebook. She outlined her good relationships with groups that work on and with Nightingale like Immediate Theatre. NW outlined the group that she works in with various different groups to address the spike of violence on Nightingale.</p> <p>NW outlined the pictures that Immediate Theatre had worked with children from Nightingale that would be transformed to mural art on the hoardings that have gone up with the regeneration. NW said it would be featured in the press and JMD asked for lots of pictures to be taken.</p>
<p>3.3</p> <p>Action: NW</p>	<p>CB as Secretary was doing a number of emails and correspondences. CB said that in past there hasn't been many children turning up for painting events but the one headed by Immediate Theatre looked like it was going to be a great success.</p> <p>NW added that the events on Nightingale were in partnership with other groups like Access to Sport that had been running events, like dance classes and roller skating, all week long over the half term. And that such partnership work would be continued after the half term with Access to Sport doing more events like the dance classes and possibly extending their hours in the Community Hall. NW said that by December, a new activity for adults <i>for the children</i> would be created that would be run on a weekly basis in the Community Hall.</p>
<p>3.4</p>	<p>MI said that in the past when she wanted to join in the past but she had been put off by the way former NPRA members would speak down to her. She outlined that with her work, there's a lot of loneliness on Estates, and tapping into and addressing the needs of professional people and children.</p> <p>MI said she'd be keen to put on a community play, creative and dramatic works in order to reach people informally and make it fun. Wanted the NPRA to be much more proactive in how it engaged with people and welcomed the ideas already suggested at the meeting and would be happy to help out for future events. NW mentioned that with the newsletter, there was a section for new ideas and what residents wanted on Nightingale that they could fill in.</p>
<p>3.5</p>	<p>VR said that she had experience with running events, but with an ill husband, she didn't have the time to help with NPRA activities. JMD said that with her contacts and relationships with many residents on Nightingale he hoped he'd be able to go to her to get people involved. VR said even with those relationships, hard to get people involved.</p> <p>Further discussion of how to get residents involved with the NPRA. NW outlined that for the Big Lunch activity in 2016 that when she went round knocking at doors and discussing with residents face to face, it encouraged people to attend. This kind of activity would be replicated.</p>
<p>3.6</p>	<p>BM was asked for her skillets but outlined the divisions that were apparent on her side with distinct groups keeping themselves to themselves.</p> <p>NW stated with past events like the Big Lunch, the attendance from BM neighbours were quite high. JMD said that with a possible Big Lunch next year, such attendance again would be encouraged.</p>

<p>Item 4.</p>	<p>Newsletter</p>
	<p>JMD outlined the purpose and mailing timetable of the NPRA newsletter. JMD said that with the delay of the AGM and the need to get the newsletter mailed out by the social landlords as quickly as possible, one had been created and sent to as many members via email for their approval. JMD outlined that this was not the usual procedure, usually physical copies would be printed and given to the NPRA for their approval and sent out. However time constraints and the fact that was a Christmas</p>

	<p>panto to advertise, the newsletter had to be given as soon as possible to the social landlords to send out.</p> <p>JMD said that NPRA members had come back with amendments and that they would be incorporated into the next edition which would be in February 2019.</p>
<p>4.1</p> <p>Action: JMD</p> <p>Action: JMD</p> <p>Amendment-JMD – 28.11.18</p>	<p>NW addressing a point over the Christmas panto being advertised said that it was her money, £1700, that was being used to buy the tickets for the residents.</p> <p>JMD stated that the new NPRA committee is still not in possession of the accounts or access to them. The treasury accounts were to be transferred over to new Committee members and the paperwork would be sent to Santander. NW kindly offered to provide the money out of her own funds in order for 130 residents to attend the Christmas panto.</p> <p>VR raised a point over the use of NPRA members using their own money to pay for any events and it was not allowed. The issue in question was for £20 in petrol money being paid for a Big Lunch event in 2016 that former NPRA members charged the committee. NW disagreed that members couldn't use their own money, but VR disagreed and that it had been discussed previously. JMD offered to go back into the minutes and see if there was a precedent set by former members.</p> <p>There was further discussion over when the NPRA had last run an event and nothing had been put on in 2018. There was the Big Lunch of 2018.</p>
<p>4.2</p>	<p>VR going back to the newsletter outlined that the font needed to be bigger and there was too much for the eye to take in. JMD said that a former NPRA member that worked in design and said he'd be happy to help, would help redesign the newsletter to improve its overall look.</p> <p>JMD when the newsletter gets sent out next year, it should look a lot better.</p>

Item 5.	What would you like to see on next agenda
Action: JMD	<p>NW outlined that for the ETRA meeting on Wednesday, 28th November that Amanda O'Brien from Southern Group, Cllr Sem Moema of the Hackney Downs Ward, and Ciara Jones from Hackney Housing would be attending.</p> <p>NW asked for McLaren to be invited back for an update on the building work and Access to Sport to explore if any partnerships can be created.</p>
5.1 Action: JMD	<p>DME was happy with those that were attending and had been suggested. CB recommended that Bill Moore of McClaren be invited.</p>
5.2	<p>MI couldn't suggest anyone, but when asked by JMD if she had any particular issues, she mentioned that her block in Redcliffe court that the lifts kept breaking down in her block but for her, it was engagement with her fellow residents that was a priority. There was a difficulty with language and cultural barriers.</p> <p>NW offered to help in the future if there are any further breakdowns in MI block with the lift.</p>
5.3	<p>VR just wanted to have Hackney Housing representatives at the next meeting, which was confirmed. VR outlined that residents can take more proactive action than going through the NPRA to address any issues. She also outlined that all the blocks needed painting.</p> <p>NW said that every ten years that the blocks were to be painted and refreshed. However it's been 17 years since it had last happened. Alice Burke and NW have both complained to the Mayor of Hackney, Philip Granville, with NW saying that a complaint had been</p>

<p>Action: NW</p>	<p>lodged with the regeneration steering group. NW said she'd be pursuing it, but there was a question over finance to implement it.</p> <p>VR said she wanted to paint her own communal area and it was no problem for her to do so, but she queried why she would have to spend her money and also would make her section stand out. NW outlined that without agreement from the Council, it could be asked to be asked taken down and removed.</p> <p>JMD said the long delayed painting of the communal blocks would be pursued and would be actioned as soon as possible.</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p>BM outlined that what was critical, was that more people had to attend, and without good attendance it undermined the ability of the NPRA to operate.</p> <p>NW outlined the number of apologies that had been received from NPRA members and the next meeting would be better attended. JMD reiterated that efforts would be made in getting more people involved in the NPRA and chasing up those that had put their names down on the AGM.</p>

<p>Item 6.</p>	<p>Clapton panel</p>
	<p>JMD outlined the role and function of the Clapton panel. JMD said he and the CB are the representatives of the NPRA on the Clapton panel. JMD said there wasn't much to report as of yet, as he was picking up information from the last meeting, but in future there will be a written up report given to all NPRA members before the next meeting that will summarise the most important discussion points.</p> <p>JMD said that NPRA were willing to offer questions to take to the Clapton panel.</p>

<p>Item 7.</p>	<p>Any other business</p>
<p>Amendment by NW – 28/11/18</p> <p>Action: JMD</p>	<p>NW outlined a proposal from a Nightingale Estate resident and Chair of the Regeneration Steering Group, Les Moore to provide a weekly healthy meal cooking project to be hosted in the Community Hall. The NPRA had to give its approval to allow him to use the hall and either get to use the hall for free or a reduced rate.</p> <p>BM queried who Les worked for, it was stated he didn't work for the Council. VR asked where the request had come from and it was confirmed that it had come directly from Les. There were queries over why Les had to come to the NPRA, NW outlined that Les was [told by Community Hall team manager, Rachael Joseph] to come to the NPRA and seek their approval and he had already sought the Resident Participation officers approval. NW explained that Les would be bringing his own cooking self contained mobile unit and wouldn't be using the Community Hall kitchen.</p> <p>VR queried how Les could be cooking in the Community Hall when the domino club were not allowed. JMD said it was up to the Community Hall team if they would OK it or not, depending on the specific rules for the hall itself. It was suggested to VR, that if Les was allowed to cook in the Community Hall, she should seek the same rights for the domino club.</p> <p>VR wanted confirmation that the Council was aware of Les' proposals and JMD was to follow up with them via email.</p> <p>Vote by hands to allow Les to use the Hall:</p> <p>Votes For: 4 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2</p>

	Passed for Les to use the hall based on the permission and acceptance of the Community Hall and Resident Participation team.
7.1	NW stated the fridge was malfunctioning and all food had to be removed. NW said the toilets in the Community Hall were smelling terrible due to a possible dead rat behind the panels. VR said previous users of the Community Hall had come in and turned the fridge off and had poured water on the floor of the toilets.
Action: NW	NW thought it may be the ASB team might be mistakenly turning the fridge off and may be responsible. The toilets were usable but the smell made them uncomfortable. The Community Halls team had been notified and it would be rectified at some point.
7.2	NW wanted to know in future who needed anything printed and those that were using computers to cut down on the amount of paperwork and printing. The annual spend of the NPRA was significant and they wanted to reduce that and reinvest it into events for the residents.
7.3	Committee members were reminded to make sure their contact details were up to date.
7.4	<p>DME announced she was standing down as Vice-Chair of the NPRA due to sudden illness and needed to attend hospital treatment.</p> <p>JMD said that a new Vice-Chair was needed and if there was anyone there that wished to put themselves forward on an interim basis. NW proposed herself as interim Vice-Chair and JMD asked if there were any objections. VR said that the full committee wasn't there to make such a decision but JMD reminded VR that we had a quorum as outlined in the NPRA constitution so the vote could take place.</p> <p>Vote by hands for NW to be interim Vice-Chair:</p> <p>Votes For: 4 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2</p> <p>NW voted in as interim Vice-Chair.</p>

Meeting ended at 8.01pm