

Minutes for FLAG committee meeting Thursday 4th January 2024

Attendees: Lorna Reith (LR), Quentin Given (QG), Pamela Hasan (PH), Melissa Carames (MC), Kath Sims (KS) Vicky Ladizhinskaya (VL), Tui Lin (TL) and Sylvia Morgan (SM).

1. **Apologies:** Michael Baumgartner, Jeanette Sitton, Luan Malley, Paul Collier, Pelagia Eleftheriades and Annie Popoola.
2. **Minutes from Public Meeting of Dec 1st.** All attendees happy with minutes.
3. **Minutes of AGM – for information.** All attendees happy with minutes.
4. **Minutes of last committee meeting 28 September.** All attendees happy with minutes.
5. **Matters arising from meetings:**

- a. Car repair business/parking enforcement

LR summarises the steps taken since the AGM.

PH relates recent activity outside one of the addresses on Yarmouth Crescent known for car repair jobs: changing plates to cars .

VL proposes to ask about using the CCTV camera by the tow truck parked on Armadale Close to link individuals to addresses.

It is agreed to pursue the CCTV avenue. LR to contact Haringey's Anti Social Behaviour Team regarding this.

- b. Bulky waste disposal

LR to request the relocation of one of the food waste bins on Kessock Close to have them spread in a more efficient way, as proposed by VL.

LR to chase Haringey Housing (Chris Vavlekis) for the leaflet explaining Haringey's bulky waste disposal protocol.

- c. Lime Bikes

KS explains Haringey is the border of the Lime bikes area (they don't work in Waltham Forest), thus the clusters of bikes left around the estate.

KS points that City of London put in bylaws to have designated bays and suggests that having a dedicated space for rental bikes could be linked to the green spaces consultation.

It is agreed that approach both Haringey Council and Lime to push for this option and that a good location for the designated bay would be next by the arches next to the stairs leading to Ferry Lane.

QG to find out the council officer dealing liaising with Lime.

LR provides updates on all other matters:

Garages: we now have the email addresses for queries

Leaseholders: we now have officer names and email address for queries and the name of the officer who is looking at the large increases in service charges raised at the meeting.

Towpath: we asked if the exits/entrances to the gates, especially the wheelchair/baby buggy access ones have a tarmac surface instead of mud. This appears to have been agreed and Housing are getting quotes for the work.

Containers by the football pitch: we asked for these to be removed as they were being broken into and vandalised. This was agreed and the Parks department are due to take them. We have been chasing for a date.

Giant Hogweed treatment costs: we have requested this information.

Dogs on leads signs: new larger signs are due to be installed mid-January. These are temporary as there is a new borough wide design coming on stream. (we had a formal apology for the lack of response on this issue)

Bulb planting: The Parks department supplied us with several hundred bulbs (which Housing paid for) and a team of residents planted these around the estate (all locations agreed with the Council)

6. Open Green Spaces working Group: All attendees happy to agree on proposal submitted by QG.

QG confirms FLAG have submitted the three members who would like to be part of it and informs that there is no date for the date meeting.

KS proposes to suggest to the council that the Wetlands get involved in the working group. She will contact a Wetlands ranger on Instagram to see if she would be interested in participating.

LR to ask Chris Bell (Council) if more names have been put forward to make up the 11 members.

7. FLAG Website – many thanks to Kath, Quentin and Paul.

KS proposes to have local businesses advertising on newsletter.

QG to ask Paul about adding them on newsletter.

MC offers to help with website after completing Wordpress course.

8. Smoke from canal boats. VL and LR describe the vicious cycle of boats burning coal, smoke affecting mostly flats on the 1st floor, the Anti Social Behaviour Team arriving too late to see the smoke and the Canal & River Trust taking no action.

It is agreed to keep up the pressure on the Environmental Health team and the Canal & River Trust, to try and get the former finally involved. There are 'no mooring' signs along the stretch where boats are burning coal.

KS suggests a campaign of targeted leaflets to the flats on the 1st floor on how to report smoke from canal boats.

9. Treasurer's report

£1,800 approx

IN: £250 grant from Housing

OUT: £160 newsletter

10. Royal Mail issues. LR informs that David Lammy's office has finally replied asking if it is still an issue. She will get back to them confirming it still is.

11. Summer Eco Day event with the school? All happy for FLAG to participate if it goes ahead.

12. AOB and date of next meeting:

- a. TfL's Planning application for road works on Ferry Lane:
LR reports on meeting with Hale Village residents association, which is also not happy with TfL's proposal. They agreed on contacting the planning officer and requesting a meeting.
VL suggests to start raising the issue of future new developments together with Hale Village as footfall at the station is very high and causing overcrowding problems. It is agreed to start with contacting the Council Regeneration Team and ask for a meeting with both Hale Village and FLAG.
- b. Roughsleeping by canal towpath: KS explains outreach team don't have enforcement powers to remove roughsleepers, who are not accepting offers. Local authority cannot enforce because it is Canal & River Trust's land.
- c. Concern expressed about the behaviour of an Armadale resident towards committee member.
- d. Electric car charging points being installed on Jarrow Road. Consultation on a CPZ for residents in Jarrow Road imminent – they are not allowed Housing permits as Jarrow Road is a Highways Road.
- e. Date of next meeting: LR will propose several dates in March via Doodle.