

Aldgate Estate Residents' Association

Main points and actions

Estate Issues Meeting

Tuesday 1 June 6.30 pm

Iveagh Court Community Room

Attendance	
Residents	Guests
Alan Knowles	Koddus Miah (Guinness Trust)
Sunniva Murray	John Innes (CoL Police)
Yolanda Hare	
Mary Hayes	
Veronica Collins	
Rita Hayward	
Sean Irvin	
A Gill	
Norman McMaster	
K Miah	
Tim Limbrick	
Roger Jones	
Kaye Colman	
John Harding	
Delis Regis	
Andrew Coombes (Meeting chair & minutes)	

1. Apologies received from Karen Walker, Henry Jones and Dan Valler.
2. Minutes of 20 April agreed as an accurate record.
3. Following meetings with the Association, GT had agreed to write off the 2008/9 service charge deficit and £21,289. For GT, Koddus added that further reductions had been agreed and that they would write to residents shortly to explain. He understood that the final reduction would be £2.47 per week. [KM]
4. Safer City Partnership has granted the Association funding of £850 for the provision of Bengali interpreters for meetings.
5. GP surgery now open at the Portsoken Health and Community Centre in Little Somerset St. Monday and Thursday 10am to 1pm – contact number 020 7488 4240.

6. Agreed that Safer City be invited to run a session on security on the estate at the next Estate Issues meeting and that the agenda for that meeting be limited to allow time. [AC]
7. No information provided by GT on plans for decent homes upgrades. Koddus said that GT would be writing to residents with an update by the end of June. Agreed that if this did not happen, the Association should write to Mark Field MP as the estate would become 'indecent' in 2011. [GT/AC]
8. The upstairs office space in the Portsoken Health and Community Centre is shortly to be vacated and the Association has been invited to take part in a review of how it can be used in future. Roger Jones will represent the Association [RJ]
9. GT and Beetham have invited Portsoken Common Councilmen to a presentation of their latest plans for a development on 2 July. DR will update residents following that meeting. [DR]
10. There is a steering group to oversee running of the Portsoken Health and Community Centre. This is attended by DR as Common Councilman and RJ for the Association.
11. Delis will be hosting a coffee 'morning' for residents on 15 June at 10am in the Portsoken Community Centre and again at 7pm on 30 June.
12. Agreed that it would be desirable to get screening/enclosure for main external rubbish bins. Association to write to GT to request. [AC]
13. Agreed that drying rooms should be cleaned and that arrangements should be put in place to allow ground floor residents to have access to drying rooms. [AC]
14. Door entry system - Agreed that residents should seek to minimise costs of door entry system to the weekly service charge through negotiation with GT. Alan, Linda and Roger to meet GT (Phil Maybey) to get clarification on basis of charge for the system and to pursue this policy. Following clarification and agreement of options, the Association will organise a special meeting to consider wording of a ballot for acceptance of the new charge for the door entry system. [RJ/AK]

15. Agreed that all car park users to be issued with keys to all barriers on the estate but that access via the Mansell Street entrance be provisionally limited to weekday hours between 7am and 6pm. Also agreed that longer term policy be decided at a special car parking meeting to be held in the next four weeks.
16. Agreed that a car boot sale be held on the estate and that a £5 charge be made to sellers. The funds raised to be used by the Association to part fund a summer social. Kaye and Celine to organise.
17. Agreed that Koddus would report back on whether there were arrangements on any other estate for the cleaning of external windows and what the cost would be to provide this service on the estate. [KM]
18. Agreed that the Association asks for a change to the GT allocation policy for 'sons and daughters' so that the minimum age is 18 rather than the current 21. [AC]
19. Koddus provided copies of his cleaning schedule which will be available from the office for immediate use.
20. Agreed that the Association was not bothered about replacement of the missing entry door adjacent to flat 1 GC.
21. The northmost Mansell Street gateway to the estate is regularly used as a toilet and Koddus was asked to investigate and advise on the possibilities of restricting external access to the gate or installing security lighting. [KM]
22. Koddus promised that the outside lights will be fixed within two weeks and that the leaning lamp post will be fixed within the same time. [KM]
23. Agreed that the next estate issues meeting will be held in approximately 6 weeks in mid July. A special car park meeting to be held in the next month.