

Aldgate Estate Residents' Association

Action Points (Draft)

Estate Issues Meeting

Wednesday 14th July 2010

6.30pm

Portsocken Community Room

Attendance	
Residents	Linda Masions
Roger Jones (Chair of the meeting)	Jacqui McDougall
Karen Walker	Julie Triber
Grace Hanson	Wilf & Margaret Leyland
A Russell	John Fletcher
Rita Haywood	Mr R Taylor
Yolanda Hare	J Mill
Veronica Collins	A Murray
Richard Tapps	J Kennedy
Christine Hutton	V Harry
Mary Hayes	J Bracewell
Vivienne McMaster	Mrs Niehrun Khatun
Norman McMaster	Auka Bibi
Alila Ah Said	Ali
Roushan Ara	Kaye Colman
Laura Hitchis	Delis Regis CC
Rina Begum	
A & Cynthia Thorpe	Guests
Andrew Coombes	Henry Jones CC
Malveena Bishop	Koddus Miah GT

1. Apologies: None
2. The meeting accepted the Accuracy of Minutes of Estate Issues Meeting (1st June)
3. Association reports:

Decent Homes: (Kitchens – Electrics and Bathrooms)

One of the action points from the last meeting was for GT to inform hopefully on exactly what was happening.

Mr Fletcher a GT resident wrote to Mr Mark Field (our City of London MP) because it appeared that GT were stonewalling on their commitment to a date. Mr Fields letter was sent to Margaret Dodwell - Managing Director of Guinness Trust and Guinness Midsummer.

Margaret Dodwell asked Ann Bell (Interim Technical manager) to respond. This letter was passed around to residents at the meeting. Yet again GT have delayed the works to February 2011

Koddus said he had had a detailed discussion with GT and they were initially projecting a start of February 2011.

The residents have no confidence and request a FIRM start date. John Fletcher is drafting a letter to Margaret Dodwell as we would like a definite start date for kitchens. It was also suggested that The Lady Mayoress could also write to Margaret Dodwell.

Action Point: John Fletcher to write to Margaret Dodwell & Copy to MP

Security Doors:

GT have written to state:

- 1) Payback will take place over 80 months
- 2) Only those above ground level in Guinness Court will pay
- 3) A Service Charge specialist has agreed to meet with the committee

It was suggested that if GT did not meet with us within a reasonable time that we ask our Councilmen to try and facilitate a meeting.

GT also submitted some changes to the plans, but these arrived too late to be distributed. The general opinion was that that residents did not want a reduced specification.

After much discussion there were votes as follows:

Action Points

- 1) **That we press GT to depreciate the cost of the doors over the lifetime**
- 2) **That we ballot the whole estate to see if the entire estate will pay**

Service Charge: process for review:

Andrew distributed copies of the review papers for feedback at a later date.

Special Meeting for Beetham's Development Proposal:

At this point the meeting agreed to defer the rest of the agenda and to discuss the planned meeting regarding the Beetham Proposal

It was decided that a single issue meeting should be held, due to the importance of the subject. Their idea is to have two tower blocks of 12 floors each, housing 100 residents in each, with rent charged on a "like for like" basis. This would take place on the South of the estate with the front being turned into a mixture of commercial developments, offices and private housing.

However we were informed that as residents, if we did not want this to go ahead, it would not be able to.

Each resident was given a chance to give us an idea of the main questions they would like to ask Beetham \GT at the meeting.

4. Date, Time & place of next meetings: Residents were informed that the Iveagh Court Wooden notice board was the “official place” to put up new dates and times. It was requested that similar boards were put in each entrance.