



Notice is hereby given of a

GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7:30 pm
In the Meeting Room at Southfields Library

Meeting chaired by Bernard Koudjo

MINUTES

1. Present

Board Members

Bernard Koudjo [Chair]

Craig Nicol [Treasurer]

Kirsty Corcoran [Secretary]

Stephen Johnson [Board member]

Phyllis Edwards [Board Member]

Other Attendees

Cecilia Barratt [WPC Housing Officer]

Sarah Stevens [Wandsworth Council Area Manager]

2. Apologies

BK apologises for the late scheduling of this meeting in the calendar.

3. New Estate Manager

Cecilia Barratt formally presented to residents.

4. Minutes of the last General/Extraordinary Meeting

No comments. Minutes signed.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

5.1. Annual Accounts Queries

Q: Why has this not been spent? What account has it been in? Has it been accruing any interest?

A: BK explains that it has been split across a number of different accounts in line with government caps guaranteeing money, and confirms that this is money for the Coop to spend.

Suggestion of spending it on security and reports that there have been burglaries in Wimbledon Park Court.

Q: Is there a cut-off date for spending money?

A: No.

BK/KC ask that 'Funds Suggestions' are to be put forward in writing in an email or letter. A shortlist is then to be submitted to residents for voting upon.

5.2 Caretaking Update

BK reports that this is in hand, but that is all we can say at this stage.

5.3 Allenswood Fly Tipping

New shed is in place, but planting is still to happen. Request for residents to report any fly tipping that they observe. Circular to go to residents re-iterating bin collecting process and days.

Fly tipping in other areas also raised - such as the N Power area. To be looked into and solution found. Brief discussion around this piece of land and whether it could be purchased with funds.

5.4 Estate Security

Lights reported not working in Ambleside bin area.

Agreed for Coop to look into a security CCTV system for the estate.

6. Presentation of 2018/19 Budget for approval by members

The following questions were raised and answered:

Q: Whether committee admin is all utilised or can be spent elsewhere.

A: If not spent, funds not lost, but re-allocated elsewhere. Explanation of how council provided budgets work.

Q: Suggested saving of gardening to go back to council.

A: Board are not keen on this suggestion.

Comments on no allowance for bad debts, and bulk refuse allowance, why estate cleaning has increased.

Q: Tenant repairs variation - why budgeting less this year than what was spent last.

A: CB going to look into getting better deals with other contractors, as only one has been used lately and Coop has been overspending in this area. Void repairs etc will be cut back in line with Wandsworth standard.

Q: Normally a surplus on Chay/Rashid's budget, why are we now in deficit?

A: BK to ask Blase Lambert.

Explanation of phased decrease required.

Budget accepted.

7. Any other business

Resident comments on when rent bills came through, there was no water bill.

Clarification on office opening hours and cover.

8. Date of next meeting

4th July 2018