

Columbia TRA

CTRA General Meeting minutes - 2 March 2020

Present from the Committee

1. Kevin McKenna (Chair)
2. Penny Creed (Vice Chair)
3. Jonathan Moberly (Secretary)
4. John Cotter
5. Pam Haluwa
6. Dave Sinclair
7. Ed Furey (Treasurer)

Residents:

Sylvia Clark (Pelter St), June White (Pelter St)

Councillor A Mukit Chunnu

Apologies

Councillor Pierce, Kobir (housing officer)

Minutes from 13 January - matters arising

- Per block fire instructions have still not appeared [TODO: Chase Kobir]
- Gate between JHH GLH - Kobir thinks will not happen before April [TODO- get a date from Kobir] Lighting works order on Vaughn Estate - [TODO - Kevin to check if lights are fixed]
- Pelter street trees - one has been cut but not the FIG tree [TODO - ask Kobir about enforcement]
- On trees - trying to move the tree that has been put in the allotments. Kevin has chased with Claire [TODO - Kevin to follow up]
- Co-design of space in front of Birdcage Pub - no progress [TODO - Kevin to follow up]
- Ravenscroft park design/funding - ongoing and won't progress until the Summer at the earliest
- Update re Hackney Road hotel -- Penny has spoken to planning office and they are still accepting objections. 35 received so far, which is over the 20 trigger so will go to the committee. [TODO - send out a message to let people know they can still respond and how]
- Chunnu - it is important to bear in mind that whenever people are objecting they have to be within the guidelines. ASB issues are within the guidelines. It is not clear if hotel density is.
- Penny - more hotels will start to cost the council money to support. We cannot support this many people coming to the area without more council services.
- [TODO - line up people to go to the planning meeting]
- Boundary passage urinal. .. Jean has chased John Fortune but he hasn't got back [TODO - keep chasing John Fortune]

Rubbish bins and waste hotspots and actions we want to take.

- Cuff point / pelter street - constant scaffolding fencing and containers for four years. Recycling doesn't use bin corrals. Area where people constantly dumping stuff next to the corrals. When bins are full people leaving things to the side.
- Dumped mattress by no.1 Pelter Street / Strout's place. has been there for three weeks. Where the sheds are against the wall with Hackney Road. As soon as they clear anything there is another load.
- The same pattern happens all over the estates, there are favourite areas to dump stuff. As soon as things are cleared there is another lot. Often things are left in the spaces between the recycling bins and the bike stands.
- Caretakers take stuff to designated spots. Sometimes where stuff is being left is where caretakers have decided to accumulate stuff.
- Jean has seen a guy walk from Hackney Road to Boundary Estate courtyard to dump stuff.
- Strout's place garages are full of rubbish. You need a key to get in there, so must be someone from the estate.
- looks like there is an increased problem with fly tipping and seems to be linked to drug dealing and money laundering. Illegally dumped commercial dumping.

- Residents are not charged for fly-tipping but charged for bulk rubbish. HOW DO you say that dumping is fly-tipping and not bulk rubbish so you can challenge the charge?
- People are also leaving things out for other people to take. Would be good if there was a designated freecycle point. Dunmore Point is going to get a bulk waste area. If it actually works then we can look for other locations.
- [suggested actions - advertise charity pickups eg british heart foundation / advertise how to dispose of bulk waste for free / do a mailshot with all our dates on / work out a strategy at next committee meeting].
- Veola will have a 5 day bin strike the next week as their contract is expiring.
- There will be a council review point in April looking at street cleaning and ongoing reviews. This is a good opportunity for us to start flagging up. Can we get someone from the new waste service along in a couple of weeks to follow this up? [TODO - contact new waste service]
- Can we moved the pelter st / hackney road bins ? Same request as last time.
- [TODO - write to contractors to remove container from cuff point car park]
- [TODO - chase up for that bin walkabout that was supposed to happen]
- Garden waste left outside Arthur Wade House - not sure if this is commercial dumping or not It's happened several times.
- Lee is going to get a briefing on money laundering and tie that into leaseholders charges and how that is not acceptable

Bishopsgate

- Continue to encourage people to respond.
- Waiting for response from council on timelines
- [TODO - JM to liaise with Chunnu re Redchurch Street mosque]
- Penny - most hackney councillors know nothing about Bishopsgate.

Baroness road

- We were supposed to have a meeting with the council this week but they haven't come back with a date. If they don't come up with a decent solution we will go to solicitors.

Sivill house major works

- Steering group meeting due this week but there isn't a date.
- Issue with THH telling some residents in Sivill house is that all of the delay is down to residents in the block submitting for listed status. It is not acceptable that THH dividing residents in this way [TODO - Chunnu to raise with JP]

Other major works

- Tomlinson close major works 'in the abyss'
- Pelter St major works not signed off yet. This is another thing to add to the list of things they have been incapable about.
- Cuff Point major works not signed off yet. [Chunnu - suggested to invite THH CEO Susmita to a TRA meeting re major works]

Boundary Estate petty crime

- At the full council meeting on 11 march, Chunnu has tabled a question. We need to know what is happening as the Boundary Estate petty crime issue has been raised twice now at council meetings.

Estate Parking Traffic Management Orders (TMOs)

- We weren't due for the consultation till 21/22 - But Pam has persuaded them that we will be the next trigger due to the new A5 zone restrictions and the Boundary fast track consultation.... we will be consulted in the next six months.. [TODO: Pam to ask Simon James, THH head of TMO consulting, to the next committee meeting]

AOB

- We had a good gardening meeting with a plan for the year.
- There will be an allotment meeting in march
- Laid out gravel bed in front of Sivill House
- Herb planters ... too wet. But going ahead.
- Saplings have caught and are budding.