

## **Columbia TRA**

### **CTRA Committee Meeting minutes - 11 April 2022**

#### **Present from the Committee**

Kevin McKenna (Chair)  
Penny Creed (Vice Chair)  
Jonathan Moberly (Secretary)  
Ed Furey (Treasurer)  
Pam Haluwa  
John Cotter  
Dave Sinclair  
Mary Dineen  
Mussadik Miah  
Dunk Barnes  
Rupsha (online)  
Mary (online)

#### **Absent with apologies**

Belinda

#### **Matters arising from committee meeting (February 7)**

Mary - council contact points for waste issues (discuss under agenda item)

Kevin - THH contact will come via Tommy

Water rates rebate

ACTION - circulate THH contact details to get rebate

<https://www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk/news/update-thames-water-refund>

#### **THH Investigation**

- There was a strong disagreement between members of the committee as to whether this should be discussed in Belinda's absence. A lengthy discussion was held.
- It was decided to hold an extraordinary meeting, facilitated by THH at which this can be discussed and Belinda's voice can be heard. **Suggested dates 16th or 23 May.**
- Meanwhile actions are to **return the money to THH** (done) **review our procedures** going forwards.

#### **Waste Management**

- LBTH officer nominated to see Mary. He doesn't know anything about the context and new to the area but seems helpful. His day job is recycling happy to deal with all our waste management issues.
- **Walkabout on 22nd April to look at problem areas.**
- Prioritise blocks for the walkabout. Schedule that there is someone from each block at each walkabout point. Deal with the priority places.
- Aim for specific actions not general 'isn't the area a tip' comments.
- Kerbside waste pickup - bins are permanently stored in the most visual places. Opportunity to have bins permanently located in places that are not visible. We need to highlight the issue of visual appeal issue so that efficiency of emptying is not the only metric.
- If bins were less visible they would attract less rubbish as well.
- Penny counted 10 bins outside Sivill House because they don't have enough frequency of pickup.
- Post-collection debris issue.
- A lot of blocks have completely different systems so each block needs a different solution
- Gascoigne Place bulk waste is now *not* working effectively
- Bulk waste not working in general

**Street lighting / personal safety**

- Hassan (ASB officer) proposes walkabout on **16 May at 8:30pm** with Safer Neighbourhood People. Meeting outside Pret corner of Brick Lane 8:30 personal safety. If anyone can identify an area that is poorly lit and don't feel safe please highlight before the walkabout and come along if available.

**Communal Energy**

- JM service charge has a Communal Energy line that is 25% of the total service charge. Does anyone else have this high a figure? **JM to ask via WhatsApp.**

**Dunmore hut**

- GNA asking if CTRA want to take over management of hut. If we can cover the rent not many outgoings.
- Pam - will need to see the actual proposal. Would need to take on the booking system, insurance etc. Management will be an issue.

**Cuff point office**

- THH have confirmed we will get a licence to use the office.