

Columbia TRA

CTRA Committee Meeting minutes - 15 June 2022

Present

Kevin McKenna (Chair)
Penny Creed (Vice Chair - online)
Jonathan Moberly (Secretary)
John Cotter
Dave Sinclair
Pam Haluwa
Mary Dineen
Mussadik Miah
Belinda Harman

Apologies

Ed, Dunk, Rupsha

Minutes April-May 2022 - matters arising

- special meeting re relationships - waiting for THH to respond
- waste management
- Dunmore hut wifi - Jennie Bayliss has confirmed it is now on the list but the work will have to wait now until the next round of wiring expected for the Boundary Estate. JM has also requested wifi for the Cuff Point office, DCA and Dorset Club
- street lighting - walkabout happened, Hassan to report back at the next Ward Panel meeting
- Wingfield house wiring - council has boxed it in - crudely

Waste issues

- Initial walkabout with [James?] council guy, and now a separate walkabout with THH contact Slav. There is no update since then. **[Mary expecting a meeting with Slav this week]**.
- Slav reports to Nicholas Spencely and is the boss of Tommy the caretaker supervisor for Columbia and Boundary.
- All the caretakers know on each patch what will make the difference. They are the key to fix the problem.
- Can we get LBTH to promote recycling more as some residents aren't doing it? When big signs go up creates waste dumping issues. Caretakers should inform residents but are ignoring the issue.

Advertising meetings

- **12 x posters for the noticeboards** announcing next meeting and AGM
- **70 x posters per staircase** for next meeting, each committee member can take on some blocks
- To advertise the AGM also **print leaflet OR annual report** for each letterbox on the estates (approx 1000)
- After AGM rethink process.

Parking

- Gate at JHH needs to be moved. Housing officer trying to get it moved without leaseholders being charged for it. **[Kevin to chase with letter from TRA]**
- Mullalleys containers on parking spaces - M. says THH told them to keep them for the next phase of works. **[JM/Penny to compose an FOI request to discover who in the Major Works team is instructing Mullalleys] [Possible FOI on scaffolding as well]**
- TMO - no date, waiting for budget to do the job **[Pam to chase for update]**

Film Office

- Owen from FO on maternity leave. No one was informed about Pelter St filming last week. Parking issues affected also Cuff and OMS. One of the crew photographed urinating in a doorway and has been fired. Film Office offering a donation to the CTRA.

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Major Works

- OMS concrete charges [Belinda / John C] - to challenge costs need to go to a Tier 1 tribunal, this can only happen on a block by block basis. All leaseholders need to be pulled together to act. [Belinda to raise initial query regarding her charges]
- The council now has a list of state of dilapidations for all of their housing blocks, which sets a priority list for major works
- Pensioners discount: this is old news and doesn't exist. The £10K cap only applied to works done by the government, not local councils. [Pam to investigate if there is any help available]

Electricity Overcharging (Chambord)

- Others have already been contacting THH and getting conflicting answers. [JM to check with all leaseholders in the block].

Gas Check

- If residents are not in when a gas check is attempted, they received legal threats.
- Dave has made a formal complaint and escalated when he received lies in response. Now they have issued an apology and agreed to change policy.
- Pam confirmed that this was raised at an asset management meeting - gone through the complaints and they have acknowledged that it was wrong.
- The change of heating contractor is the cause of this new policy.

Venues - Cuff Point / Dunmore Hut

- Cuff point office has been agreed, waiting for written lease agreement [Kevin to circulate agreement when we receive it]
- If we are not happy with the written agreement should push back
- GNA are keen to pass the hut on, CTRA needs to consider management, booking and charges
- GNA annual rent to council approx £300