

St Georges TRA

Minutes

10 August 2023

6.30 pm

Stockholm House Community Rooms

Attendees:

John Bell (JB), Siraj Izhar (SI), Gill Serra (GS), Dilwar Sidiy (DS)

Agenda Items:

Committee, Training, Calendar & Community Hall

Open Call. The meeting was called with the Agenda to progress from the TRA Working Group to a TRA Committee with a request for 2 to 5 TRA members to work towards the AGM

Agenda items via TRA email:

Broadband Smithfield Court

Discussions & Resolutions:

1 TRA Committee & Training

All attendees agreed to:

- a. Be members of the TRA Committee in accordance with the TRA Code of Conduct
- b. Register for the Tpas training offered by Eastend Homes and any other training on offer as TRA Committee members
- c. To be jointly signatories of the TRA account subject to use of the account to follow rules as below.
- d. To develop the TRA's resident membership and committee membership based on the TRA Constitution and commitment to Equal Opportunity.

Conditions of use of the TRA account were that notification of any use of TRA money be emailed to the TRA committee at least 24 hours in advance, and require emailed approval by 2 committee members
Unanimous agreement to joint Committee access to the TRA email (info@stgeorgestra.org)

All the above were agreed upon with the resolution to start the St. Georges TRA Minutes herewith.

2 TRA Calendar

Unanimous agreement to set up an online and physical TRA calendar to:

- a. communicate dates of TRA events – general meetings, committee meetings, training
- b. to facilitate access and involvement of residents in use of community rooms.

Online calendar to be actioned by end August

3 TRA Membership & AGM

Work towards a TRA membership of 50 residents prior to an AGM.

Work on AGM to be actioned on completion of initial Tpas training

4 Training and Development visits

SI proposed visits to other estates and councils to supplement Tpas training and enable residents to develop an understanding of different uses of community spaces, scale of budgets involved, importance of diversity in the sharing of roles, models of organising and increasing opportunity for involvement.

Proposed dates Wednesdays or Thursdays afternoons.

DS raised the issue of residents being at work at such times.

SI to look into other time windows. Visits to be actioned through open calls.

5 St Georges Community Hall

In the absence of a representative from Eastend Homes (EEH), JB conveyed the following after conversation with Paul Wilson, Eastend Homes (meeting 27 July 2023) to state that there was positive discussion with regard to:

- a. EEH recognition that units designated for community use by Highway are for that use in accordance with EEH's Section 106 obligations. One unit remains empty and the other has been rented with the rental income paid to EEH since.
- b. Residents at the first EEH Public meeting in November 2022 had requested a visit to the Community hall towards beginning community consultations. PW/EEH acknowledged this (27.7.23) and planning for this was discussed along with facilitation possibilities.

SI said that PW had written towards this suggesting a meeting model based on the *World Cafe* method. SI had circulated a video in the community towards an introduction on this model.

There was unanimous agreement to such ideas in community consultations and to ask that EEH advise when and how at the earliest.

6 Smithfield Court : Broadband issues on the estate.

Whilst residents are thankful for the rollout of fibre optic broadband on the estate though at a later date than private estates in the same ward, and complimentary on the services received from Community Fibre, resident from Smithfield Court has written to say that this *still excludes* her block who remain on slow internet with little information provided by Community Fibre.

We asked why this is so given government legislation and that this is central London as it has major implications particularly on the development of children living in these blocks.

SI agreed to follow up to request that Community Fibre and EEH provide a clear picture on this.

SI rang Community Fibre (11.08.23) who confirmed that Flat nos.301 upwards at Smithfield Court can not be yet supplied with their broadband. None of the various departments at Community Fibre could provide a reason, therefore SI will refer the matter to EEH for assistance so that residents at Smithfield Court can get an explanation and help.

The issue of broadband and costs for those on low pay or the vulnerable was raised (GS)

SI added that eligible residents should ask broadband providers for their Social Tariff rate – e.g.:

<https://www.uswitch.com/broadband/guides/broadband-deals-for-low-income-families/>

Further helpful advice can be provided to elderly or vulnerable residents on transition to fibre optic without losing services.

7 Neighbourhood Security - Homelessness and ASB

There is a large increase in the number of homeless people living in Swedenborg park with the consequence of increase in number of intrusions in residential blocks and sense of security. EEH are aware of this and are working with the neighbourhood security patrol team.

SI has spoken to the patrol team and they are willing to attend a TRA meeting in liaison with the Neighbourhood Office to address and help with residents concerns.

Other Matters:

TRA Training meeting to be agreed with EEH.

Date for next TRA meeting: tbc Thursday 31 August/7 September 6.30pm

To raise an Agenda item please email: info@stgeorgestra.org