

Ebury Bridge Community Futures Group – Meeting 54

11th January 2022, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

via Microsoft Teams

Members Attendance:

- Cristina Pasantes [CPa]
- Charlotte Pragnell [CPr]
- George Panayioudou [GP]
- Tammy Dowdall [TD]

Apologies:

- Joanne Winterbottom [JW]
- Tom McGregor [TMc] – Chairperson

Absences:

- Mohammed Eisa [ME]

WCC Officers and Consultants:

1. Gelina Menville [GM] – Programme Director
2. Millie Morrissey [MM] – Project Support Officer (Meeting notes)
3. Martin Crank [MC] – Communications & Engagement Manager
4. Louis Blair [LB] – Independent Tenant & Leaseholder Advisor

Notes: *This document provides a summary of the discussions which took place during the meeting including questions and respective responses that were raised during the session, action points and key decisions.*

1. Welcome

GM welcomed all members and officers. Apologies received from TMc and JW. GM updated the group meal originally scheduled for Christmas will still go ahead, once people feel comfortable and the government covid restriction are clearer.

2. CFG Standing Items

Action List

GM updated the group on the two items that are still in progress. GM/MM will chase up with David Larkin to confirm the exact amount of money to be received from the former RA. The Social Value sub-group will be revisited at the appropriate time.

Action: MC to issue a hard copy of the Leaseholder Journey document to all remaining Leaseholders, both resident and non-resident via post.

LB suggested the team begin to plan some engagement and sessions to discuss options with people and update on the current position. Emphasis on getting information about the programme out to both tenants and leaseholders. Online sessions could be the best method due to Covid. GM confirmed this request will be taken away for consideration and the team will come back with a proposal.

Action: Collective engagement (virtual or otherwise) to get information out to Residents and Leaseholders to explore choices in more depth and update on Phase 1 [MC/GM]

Matters Arising

Nothing raised.

Rumour Buster

Nothing raised.

3. Project Update

GM updated BYUK have started on site. The 'Meet the Contractor' event took place prior to Christmas. GM added the piling rigs are on site, this marks the start of new homes being built, and work beginning on the foundation. From February going forward, BYUK will come to the CFG each month to give updates on monitoring and performance from the month prior. This includes complaints as well as raising any information. A member of the BYUK team will attend to talk through the update.

GM updated that Bouygues' Resident Liaison Officer has left the company and the role is being temporarily being filled in the interim whilst BYUK recruit for a full-time RLO. The new RLO will be introduced to the CFG and wider residents as soon as they are onboard and the daily surgeries on the estate will commence once the RLO is in post.

GM updated on the CPO. Before Christmas Cabinet granted approval to begin making the CPO. Residents affected will receive a letter towards the end of this week (w/c 10th January), along with the statement of reasons to justify why the CPO is being made. GM added this will also be available online and in the Ebury Regeneration Office. GM reassured the group if residents wish to speak about it in detail, an appointment can be made with GM/MC. Residents can also drop in to the office with any questions they have.

Action: Send the CPO link to the LB and TMC for information [MM]

GM informed the group that there is still opportunity for CFG volunteers to take place in the Soft Market Testing. This process will allow WCC to gain market intelligence before we formally tender the contract for the new estate. The volunteer(s) would be required to give around 12 hours of their time to complete the process. GM added the sessions could also be split between two people if one cannot commit to the time. GM requested anyone interested to contact MM by the end of this week (Friday 14th January).

LB asked when Service Charges be revisited. GM confirmed there will be an update given at February's meeting. GM added WCC won't have a settle position reached until around April.

LB asked if there has been any feedback from the design consultation for Phase 2a. GM confirmed this will be brought back to the February meeting for further discussion.

4. Belbin Self Perception Exercise

MC reminded group that we discussed this exercise before Christmas. MC talked-through the exercise will all members and officers.

All attendees took part in the activity. MC will notify everyone of their 'roles' based on their results via email.

5. Planning for the Year Ahead/Agenda Setting

GM asked the group for suggestions or ideas for agenda topics for the year ahead. CPr suggested revisiting the topic of expanding the group. GM added it has been discussed if it is appropriate to expand and offer places to neighbouring blocks/residents. GM added alternating meetings has also been explored, meaning one would be normal and one would be construction focussed.

Action: GM to call GP and TD to have one-to-one calls following the sessions with the rest of the group individually.

GP asked for more information regarding the dementia friendly block currently being constructed on Ebury Bridge Road. GM confirmed she will send to all members the Loveday contact details.

Action: GM to share contact details of Loveday – regarding the dementia friendly block.

GP requested a refresh on what is going where on the new estate. GM offered a slot for the group (with PPE) and do a walk-about on the Phase 1 site. It will take place in the daytime and be during in the week. Residents will be given notice and site visit can be arranged.

Action: Site visit to be arranged with BYUK/SS

6. Any Other Business

MC informed the group Councillor Liza Begum is the new ward Cllr for Churchill. Cllr Begum has made a request to attend a CFG meeting. We will table it with the Chair and the group. Ebury will fall under Knightsbridge & Belgravia from the May elections. MC to circulate an email to the Chair and CFG to gauge opinion if Cllr Begum will be invited for a meeting.

ACTION – Approve with the independent Chair and CFG members the invitation to ward cllrs

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st February 2022