

SOMERVILLE UNITED TRA

Minutes of meeting held on the 30th August 2022 at 7pm Barnes Wallis Community Centre

Present: Clive Heppolette (Chair), Norma Rochester (Vice-Chair), Jasmine Barnett (Treasurer), Hannah Renton (Acting Secretary), Ashleigh Gordon (Housing Officer), Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager), Mel ? (Block Rep for Swallow Close), Yvonne ? (Block Rep for Wild Goose Drive), Franklin Rochester (Block Rep for Edmond Court), Joy Burnett (Lewisham Tenants Fund), Cllr Sorba, Ali and Adam from Safer Neighbour Police Team + residents (In total there were 26 attendees)

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION BY WHOM
1	<u>Welcome and apologies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllrs Joan Milbank and Paul Bell. Apologies - Apologies from repairs team. - The code of conduct for the TRA meetings was distributed among everyone attending. M (Block Rep, Swallow Close) also raised that there was a lot of swearing at the last meeting and could everyone refrain from swearing in meetings going forwards. - What is SUTRA info sheet was also distributed amongst attendees. 	
2	<u>Motorbikes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashleigh still chasing. - Staggered gates it is being discussed whether it is the responsibility of repairs or occupational therapy. Ashleigh is chasing. 	Ashleigh Gordon (housing officer)
3	<u>Waste - Fly tipping</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing from last month and some residents said that it is getting worse. - M (Block rep, Swallow Close) raised that Lewisham Council said they were going to put up a no parking sign and a gate and give garage holders a key but hasn't happened. - Van called captions van hire dumping there every time. Waste is building materials, paint cans. Was raised that animals or people could be going through and it can be toxic. - Residents were informed that they should use the Love Clean Streets app. You can take a picture and report any fly tipping to Lewisham Council. The caretakers will often just report fly-tipping through the app - staff and residents can both use this. - Richard (Caretaking Team Manager) said that estates do have a block point where you can drop stuff and is picked up by environmental services. But this is different to fly tipping which is illegal. Anything that goes into the block point space is not classed as fly tipping even if it is not from residents. - Ashleigh and Richard will let us know where our designated block spaces / areas are and we will let everyone know. Residents asked for the block points to be published on the website. - It was also suggested by a resident that there should be a designated day so then people put it out on that day. Richard (Caretaking Team Manager) said that they've tried this. - Residents from Mona/Lausanne Road said they are on main road and have recycle bins and main bins. People come from their houses and dumped it in their bins. They have two blocks upstairs and downstairs and the bins get filled up, so don't need other people to put stuff in. 	Ashleigh Gordon (housing officer), Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager)

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4	<p><u>Waste - dustbins</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The the bins on Swallow Close were not emptied last Wednesday because someone blocked the emergency exit. Ashleigh said if they are parked there we should take down the number plates and report. A resident said it's not my job to take down number plates. - The dustbins on Rutts Terrace seems to have been cleared up. 	
5	<p><u>Waste - caretaking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clive raised that on the Lewisham Home's website it lists the caretaking duties - daily and weekly. Clive read out the list and everyone agreed this is no where near being done. A resident said that it would be impossible for the two caretakers to do that with their workload. Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager) said it's outdated. Clive said it should be changed on the website - Richard said to do this contact the environment response team. - Clive raised that since Grenfell there are safety lights in the block but we don't know how regularly they are checked. Should it be daily or weekly? - Shaun (Swallow Close) spoke to one of the caretakers about the issues that were raised last month. He told Shaun that he's not responsible for all the jobs people are complaining about. And that they are responsible for about ten blocks, the equipment they have is not adequate and they are overworked. Shaun did say he invited them to the meetings. - M (Block rep, Swallow Close) said that the caretakers are smoking pot at 8.30 every morning with their friends. Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager) said he is concerned about this and will follow up. - Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager) said there are two caretakers on the estate. One is a senior so he also has other duties. The caretakers do have much larger areas now than they did previously. - The sweepers are not the same as the caretakers they go all round. They do have a massive workload and there is generally good feedback. Highways - main roads are swept by Lewisham Council. T - Residents raised issue of weeds in pavements. Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager) said weed-spraying happens four times a year and is a dedicated team. This hasn't happened yet so he will look at it. He said that the biggest reason for the weeds is the weather - you have hot days and rain. - One resident raised that the caretakers help their mum. They offer to take their rubbish now. Others also said that caretakers were kind and helped them out. - It was asked who is responsible for maintaining the back of the gardens and pathways on Swallow Close. Richard said it is the responsibility of the gardening team if bushes are overgrown and caretaking if it's rubbish. She said she doesn't think it's been cleaned all year. 	Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager)

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6	<p><u>Cllr Sorba update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Sorba said he was here on behalf of Cllrs Joan Milbank and Paul Bell. - He said he sympathise's with residents frustration with the ramping up of fly-tipping. It is a national problem. Lewisham Council has put together a hotspot team trying to work out who are the culprits. They route through and can sometimes work out who that way. He repeated that you can report fly tipping on Love Clean Streets. https://cleanerlewisham.lovecleanstreets.com/reports. If you catch someone in the act and note down any details or take a photograph (best because it also has a time stamp) and report to envirocrime at Lewisham Council. It is very difficult because anyone you see will just deny it. But if you do have any evidence they can attempt to find them. - There is a local assembly for all of Telegraph Hill on the 31st October. Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team should be there, although they need to confirm this as Halloween is a very busy night for them. There is also a ward panel on the 7th November at St Catharine's church Pepys Road. Cllr Sorba encouraged residents to attend. - Cllr Sorba passed on updates from Cllr Bell that there had been no announcements or big changes in August. Cllr Bell is organising a site visit for Chris (requested at previous meeting) but this has not happened yet and that he is also dealing with an issue for Anthony. 	Ashleigh / Richard / Clive
7	<p><u>Rodents and other pests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pest control said they would be back within 6 weeks - should have been back by next meeting. - Norma sent out letter about about throwing rubbish and also pinned something up on the noticeboard. - It was raised again that people are feeding the foxes. 	
8	<p><u>Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resident reported lights the have gone out (where?) An elderly gentleman said there's no lights when he comes back out he goes with a torch. Someone also said that it's so dark round there around the close even when the lights are all working. - Richard has asked to be shown on a walkabout and he will also contact the council and try and resolve this. - Resident raised lighting issue on Wild Goose Drive. It was reported it to Lewisham Homes who they were supposed to send someone to fix, never happened and it was reported it again but the lighting has still not been fixed. 	Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager)
9	<p><u>Parking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clive checked and none of the vehicles on the estate have MOT and insurance. Clive thinks someone has reported him in an accident near Manchester. - Van with two flat tyres EE something and it's been there for 3 and a half weeks. Blocking disabled bay. - Introduction of TROs on housing estates bringing park restrictions and parking permits. Still waiting to hear what's going on with this. Ashleigh said there will be some sort of survey about the parking enforcement and what people want. If we say no it won't happen. She is waiting to hear and let us know about the process. 	Ashleigh Gordon (Housing Officer)

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10	<p><u>Football Cage and adjacent alleyway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing from last month. - It is still not being locked. No one knows who is in charge of this. Mel said she used to have the keys to the football pitch and open it at 8am and lock it at 8pm. When she stood down she gave it back to Lewisham council. - Richard said there is a caretaker round here who does overtime to shut up play areas. He can ask him to add that to his rounds. Or it can be shut up at 4pm. - Bins in the football pen were taken out. There was an argument about whether it belongs to Lewisham Homes or the Council. Clive asked if one could be put back. Richard requested that Clive send him a picture and he will do his best to get a new one. - Residents raised the issue of lighting in the pen - it's really dark and would be better with more light. There are lights but they've never been on. - Ali and Adam from the Police neighbourhood team said they looked and there have been no reports of any incidents there in last few years. Residents disagreed. They said that the guys who mugged someone last tried to do it another 4 times to 4 different people. One of these times he dropped his phone and looks like the police have found him. - Residents shared other previous incidents in the alley including a 16 year old being stabbed and killed and muggings. A resident also said there was a gun shooting there last year. - It was suggested that a camera be installed looking down the alley. Police neighbourhood team said that this is supposed to come out of councils budget and generally they won't do it. In order to justify they need a certain number of incidents. Shaun asked what the numbers are. How many reports need to happen to justify the cameras. - Shaun asked Cllr Sorba as he represents the council to take these issues back to them as we are being told they are who ultimately makes are decision on the two issues: the floodlights in the pen and the violent incidents in the alley. Cllr Sorba said he also hasn't heard about these incidents. Cllr asked the safer neighbourhoods team to pass on the records of those kind of incidents. Police said would need to go through their inspector - he knows him and will email. - Police neighbourhood team said that they have a dedicated task team in Deptford now and they can assign them to specific places. The more it happens in the alley and is reported the more they can get people down here. - Cllr Sorba suggested that we do a visit to the alley at night with the TRA Committee, Police, Lewisham Homes and Street Lighting Contractor to make an assessment and come up with a plan for making the alleyway safer. 	Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager), TRA Committee, Cllr Sorba
11	<p><u>Drug dealing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A resident reported that there is a lot of drug dealing on the estate. They seem to be congregating at the back of the garages on Wild Goose Drive. 	
12	<p><u>TRA Communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clive let people know that the website is being built and will be completed and shared by next month. - Shaun introduced the options for a shared estate group and the different platforms. WhatsApp is easier to start but telegram is better. We are thinking about setting up the WhatsApp first and then trying out Telegram - There was a show of hands in favour of having a Whatsapp group. Committee will make this happen. 	TRA Committee
13	<p><u>New development playground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ongoing - Resident who raised the issue was not in attendance. 	

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14	<u>Trees</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up from previous meeting. This needs to be reported directly to Lewisham Council and it they will prioritise. - HR raised that it is specifically the trees on the North side blocking light and causing problems but that we want to keep those on the South side of the green. 	
15	<u>Treasurers Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank account officially opened and now waiting for money to come across. 	Jasmine Barnett (Treasurer)
16	<u>Safer Neighbourhood Team Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reported that they processed someone for 'having a puff' on the bench outside after a funeral. - They are now trained on bikes so can go around the ward a bit quicker. - They confirmed that there has a significant reduction in numbers. There used to be 30 community support officers per ward now there are two PCs and one PCO per ward. Though they are considering increasing these numbers and they do group together with other wards. 	
17	<u>Major Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A resident asked about new kitchens or bathrooms. Ashleigh said that that is the major works team. - Resident reported that they were told it would take 15 days they were in their house for 3 months. She had to report a gas leak after a contractor came and left it on. Someone had to switch off the gas leak and they haven't put it back on so they are without gas. Ashley said she would chase up major works. The resident said they have been pushed around on this for a long time. 	
18	<u>AOB</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a gate that is supposed to be for emergency access by 26 Wild Goose Drive but people have been consistent parking there blocking access. Clive said he will take pictures and get it looked at. - HR raised the possibility of the old bin store being used as bike storage. Richard said to email him and he will see if that can happen. - Rough sleeper on Lausanne Road has been moved on and locks are going to be changed. - A resident asked who is responsible for the back garden gates in Wild Goose Drive because they need attention. There was some disagreement about who was responsible for them but Richard requested that he be emailed directly about this. - Norma raised that all back gates facing Dennett's Road need checking and inspection. Richard said he should be emailed and will make this happen. 	Ashleigh Gordon (Housing Officer), Clive Heppollette (Chair), Hannah Renton (Secretary) , Richard Ashworth (Caretaking Team Manager)

The meeting closed at 9pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 20TH SEPTEMBER 7PM @ BARNES WALLACE.