



## **SOMERVILLE UNITED TENANTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm Somerville Adventure Community Centre**

#### **Attendance**

Clive Heppolette – Chairperson  
Norma Rochester – Vice Chair/ Treasurer  
Joanna Dyke – Secretary  
Ashleigh Gordon – Housing Officer  
Richard Ashworth – Caretaking  
Cllr Joan Millbank  
Telegraph Hill Ward Neighborhood Police – Total 4  
Residents and Leaseholders – Total 17

#### **Apologies:**

Carol Taylor – Area Housing Officer  
Joy Burnett – TRA Consultant  
Cllr Luke Sorba  
Cllr Paul Bell  
Cllr Will Cooper

#### **Minutes**

- Last meetings' minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024, were seconded by Tom resident from Wild Goose Drive

#### **1. Graffiti**

- Council have painted walls still need to be kept under control – **Ongoing**

#### **2. Maintenance**

- Stairways on Wild Goose Drive to be painted – **Ongoing**
- Mona Road whole block need painting, under proposal

### 3. Repairs

- Sink hole outside shop has been filled with sand – **Resolved**
- Wall on ramp, bricks have been taken away and made safe – **Resolved**
- Gate broken at number 90 Swallow Close – **Ongoing**

### 4. Alleyway

- Swallow Close grow boxes to be placed in zigzag formation – **Gardening Team to Update**
- Bin to be placed by patch of green will need to be fixed to a property – **Richard Ashworth to Update**

### 5. Networking and Broadband

- Fiberoptics available, residents at Edmond Court have been able to set up with Hyperoptics

### 6. Mona Road

- Balconies need to be painted – **Ongoing**

### 7. Lausanne Road

- Lower balconies brickwork falling away– **Ongoing**
- Middle of road has been marked up for zebra crossing to slow down traffic, in process

### 8. Notice boards

- Will be moving notice board to center of Edmond Court so it is a central point, in process
- Other locations such as Mona Road and Lausanne Road where boards were before could be needed – **Joan Millbank** said question to ask Lewisham Council is if there is still a budget for notice boards – **Ashleigh Gordon** has chased before and **Clive Heppollette** asked if she can go higher with the question

### 9. Electric Car Charging Points

- Swallow Close has one charging point
- Extra charging points needed - **Joan Millbank** said Council has policy to install charging points the strategy is being reviewed but comes down to budgeting

### 10. Waste Management & Environment

- Currently no food bins – **Joan Millbank** said Council are looking into adding them, **Clive Heppollette** said behind Edmond Court he has made a compost bin so food can be left in bags outside the gate and he will add them in.
- Recycling bins at Edmond Court should be picked up twice a week and street properties are once a week – **Richard Ashworth** and **Joan Millbank** to liaise about when they are actually being picked up and address missed collections.
- Bins overflowing with fly tipping – **Clive Heppollette** has asked for meeting with **Richard Ashworth**.
- Camera will be going up on Dennetts Road to catch fly tippers, in progress
- Dog poo boxes have been taken down, use black bins for dog poo bags – **Resolved**

## **11. Antisocial Behaviour**

- Simon from Telegraph Park Police said they have been concentrating on Somerville Estate and there have been a few arrests made recently on Mona Road block and asks for residents to provide any information they have on antisocial drug related behavior.
- Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, St Catherines Church with Telegraph Hill Police which will be community led and any specific issues in the community can be raised.

## **12. Garden Community**

- Update from **Shelly Dorton** - built 6 planters with 2 more to be added and in discussion re more being added around the estate including on spots that will deter fly tipping.
- Next build is 30<sup>th</sup> November – request for volunteers
- Plans for purposeful grows like food and herbs.
- Regeneration of the Somerville Estate including looking at grounds lack of children's play areas **Shelly Dorton** who is heading the Somerville Regeneration Project is in discussion with Lewisham Council and HG Construction / Powerday to make this happen and help.

## **13. Abandoned Cars**

- Cars are still sitting there – **Clive Heppollette** asked **Ashleigh Gordon** if he can take the registration numbers and pass them on to her – **Ashleigh Gordon** said she has looked at some and process is for them to come to her and the Council can do their checks and she will refer to the correct people

## **14. Chair Report**

- Re gas leak incident, have spoken to Fire Brigade and have sent a report. Last TRA meeting
- **Clive Heppollette** brought up report on the gas leak and the residents experience of being stuck outside for the length of time they were, the response from the Fire Brigade was that they “did what they could at the time”. Clive has also spoken to the Councilors about why there was no response from them to the report and have asked that they get back to us in the next meeting.
- **Clive Heppollette** mentioned how people put themselves out on Mona Road and also the pub offering help as residents were stuck for so long in the cold up until 10pm. Barnes Wallis had refused entry even though open and that is being treated as a separate issue. **Joan Millbank** said there is a process when it comes to gas leaks being reported to the Council and things were being put in place including lining up a refuge had it be necessary. **Joan Millbank** has gone back to the Council asking for a review on what happened on this evening. It shouldn't have taken 2 and a half hours to update residents on the situation. Joan said she was shocked to learn Barnes Wallis being open and refusing entry so that has been questioned also and sees lessons need to be learnt from this going forward. **Clive Heppollette** added he brought up at the TRA meeting there are no notices of where assembly points are and people don't know where they are. This should be shown on the central notice boards.
- Resident asked about what needs to be done to open Barnes Wallace, **Clive Heppollette** advised there are letters here which are attached to petition which will need to be sent to Lewisham Council.
- Community fun day was a success and the Remembrance Gardens was opened by
- **Cllr Luke Sorba**, there is a gate now and plaques are in place for those from the community that have passed away and if people would like names added on a plaque, there is space for those to be added on the back wall.

## 15. Treasury Report

- Since last audit, balance carried over £15.13
- Lloyd's bank gave £2.10 refund for charges made on unauthorized overdraft
- Lewisham Tennant Fund reimbursed us £37.50 that we had paid for the hall when we had our audit
- Admin Grant received for £635.70
- Marketing Grant received for £300.00
- Event Grant received for £825.00 (a lot spent on Fun Day)
- Total in bank so far £1,814.53
- Current bank balance at £8.07
- Current balance in Holding Petty cash from £200 is at £77.17
- Additional Admin Grant has been requested
- Invitation: Mayor of Lewisham's Community Awards 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Mayor of Lewisham)  
Somerville Tennant's Association has been nominated – **Norma Rochester** recognizes the work of everyone involved. **Clive Heppolette** added, the Somerville is one of the hardest working groups in Lewisham.

## 16. AOB

- Resident from 41 Wild Goose Drive makes complaint that abandoned car along with bin and rubbish in wrong place are blocking the route her disabled daughter takes when her bus drops her off and has caused her to fall down – **Clive Heppolette** says this means moving the cars is now a priority

**Meeting Closed.20.30 Hrs.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> January 2025**

**7PM @ SOMERVILLE ADVENTURE MEETING ROOMS.**

