



Serpentine Court Steering Group

Tuesday 5th September 2018

Minutes

Residents: Danielle Slaymaker (Chair), Cassy Elliott (Deputy Chair), Sharon Jordan (Deputy Chair), Shannon McCaul (Deputy Chair), Joan Forsyth, Robyn Goodwin, Cllr Mohammed Rohim, Pauline Wright, Nadia Hardi, Sandra Mavunga, Mercy Zvenyika, Sue Kettles (Observer), Melchi Moussassa (Observer), N Kugathasan (Observer)

Ayser Al-Jawad (YourMK), Kevin Farrell (Tpas), Emma-Jane Flynn (Tpas)

Apologies: Ronke Oludapo, John Pearce, Cllr Darlington, Alicia Francis (YourMK)

1. Welcome, introductions and ground rules

Danielle opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. She apologized for having to switch the venue to The Warren at late notice.

The previous minutes were agreed as a true record.

Matters arising:

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Visits to other regeneration projects: Alicia to organise. Carried forward.

Waste management: Members of SCSG had attended the walkabout organised by Cllr Khan today. Those in attendance included Duncan Sharkey, Corporate Director – Place, Michael Kelleher, Service Director Housing & Regeneration, Heledd Williams, Head of Neighbourhoods, and the Head of Waste & Recycling. They saw for themselves all the problems residents are facing, and have gone away to start tackling the issues raised on the visit.

Pigeon infestation: Debbie Murray has been dealing with the specific issue raised by a member at the last meeting.

2. Project Update

Options Week review: the general consensus was that the event had been a success and the entertainment



had helped to attract people. The first few days were well attended and numbers had tailed off in the second week. There were a total of 100 visitors over the week. Door-knocking and the awareness-raising that had gone on during the Housing Needs Assessment had helped to boost attendance.

Ballot update: registration has begun and the SCSG has a plan in place to help support the process. Staff and SCSG members had checked with every eligible resident that attended Options Week, and a number had completed and posted their form on the spot. Danielle encouraged SCSG members to talk to their neighbours and make sure they have sent the form in.

A SCSG member reported that there had been some in the community had been questioning the point of the young persons' poster campaign, as there is a perception among some residents that there are not many 16-year-olds and upwards that are eligible to vote. Kevin to check numbers with Alicia and circulate the data to the SCSG leadership team.

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Project timeline: Ayser circulated timeline table and took the meeting through the key points. The Project Board scheduled for 13 September has been cancelled as liaison between the usual attendees had taken place during Options Week. The timeline includes the ballot activities.

Surgeries: Ayser continues to run the surgeries at Spotlight every Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00am - 2.00pm.

3. **Membership review**

Kevin sent a covering email with the minutes asking any members who had not attended the last few meetings to contact him or Danielle to explain their absence and check if they still wish to be part of SCSG. Cassy will send follow-up emails if no response is received from the members in question.

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4. **Report from Fenny Stratford Town Council**



meeting

Some SCSG members attended the meeting in Bletchley, which was held on 4th September. Kathryn Eames and Michael Kelleher gave a presentation on the latest proposals for Serpentine Court.

5. **Regeneration sub committee**

The next meeting will be held on 13th September and Danielle has written a report on resident engagement to date on Serpentine Court with help from members of SCSG. She has also completed the standard report and highlighted the ongoing problems with waste management and the pigeon infestation.

6. **Resident Charter update**

Kevin reported from the last session with the SCSG and took the meeting through the consultation ideas that have emerged from discussions.

He had circulated the Love Lane example, and SCSG had worked through it, looking at the type of guarantees the community in Haringey had secured from the council. The members agreed with the vast majority of guarantees and thought they were applicable to Serpentine Court.

Danielle will be requesting funding from YMK for the engagement activities. Kevin queried whether the Mears internal community fund was a possible funding source and Ayser was asked to contact Mears to check the criteria.

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7. **Tpas update**

Leaseholders: Since his last report further leaseholders have come forward, including some who had visited the Options Week exhibition, and said they are interested in holding an initial meeting. Kevin will be contacting them to set the meeting in mid to late September.

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Kevin's holiday: He will be away from 6th September and back at work on 17th September. Emma and Leanne will be providing cover.



8. **Question time**

SCSG submitted the following questions for Alicia to answer at the next meeting:

1. Is there more than one option for re-housing, if you don't like the first one? Example, being offered a 3-bed flat but would prefer a house even if it's off the estate.
2. Will all the houses be allocated to Serpentine Court residents before allocating any for sale?
3. Will residents that want to buy be offered properties at cost price?
4. In regards to floor levels, when would lifts be considered?

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An observer raised concerns about the safety of children and young people in the area, and asked if another park could be provided before any regeneration takes place? Could a new play area be introduced now?

SCSG members pointed out that the youth club begins next week and it provided services for the 8-12 and 12+ age groups at the Warren. They directed the observer to the Lakes Estate Residents Association, as it may be able willing to take up the issue.



9. **Any Other Business**

Date and times of next meeting

- Tuesday 9 October* - SCSG 6.30-8.30pm (coffee 6.00pm onwards) at Spotlight

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*Please note change of date, due to MKC cabinet meeting on 2nd October

SCSG members are welcome to attend the Cabinet meeting and SCSG will be sending a delegation. The will be held at the council offices and the meeting starts at 6.15pm.