

Blackwall Reach Resident Board
Minutes of a meeting held on 10th July 2018 at 6:00 pm in BR Community Centre

Present:

Abul Hasnath	Chair
Rani Begum	Blashill Court
Shopna Khan	Blashill Court
Shamsur Choudhury	Blashill Court
S Musa	Blashill Court
Suraiya Akthar Khanam	Blashill Court
Godfrey McGurdy	Tower Hamlets Homes
Sabaj Uddin	Tower Hamlets Homes
Sister Christine	Willis House
Mayarun Miah	Robin Hood Gardens
A Begum	Robin Hood Gardens
A Zahnaah	Robin Hood Gardens
Phillipa Drummond	Senior Neighbourhood Officer
Iona Drummond	Development Manager
Abdullah Hossain	Community Development Manager

<u>Item</u>		Action
1.	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u> The Chair opened the meeting and introduction was done.	
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Jade Dawkins, Craig Lambert, Neil Baron	
3.	<u>SPLASH</u> Sister Christine – SPLASH – RHG Sister Christine attended the meeting and provided a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning Forum highlighted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local community should have a say in what's going on with the development • They should be able to sit with planners to raise concerns on how Section 106 finance is spent • They lost 500 Council Homes to make the way for the Docklands Light Railway which was a lost for the community although residents 	

	<p>were rehoused</p> <p>Sister Christine showed a map of the borough and asked for the committee to consider a name for the area in relation to the Planning Application for the Poplar Regeneration Alliance planning application. The consultation will be sent out for a period of 6 weeks to find out what resident's priorities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social or affordable housing 2. Homes for key workers to keep them locally 3. Training for the unemployed, example: partnering with the college 4. Upgrades of the old blocks on Poplar High Street which has no lifts 5. Leisure facilities 6. Leaseholders protection against works done at a high cost, example: Thornfield House 7. Fire Safety <p>Vision To encourage and nurture an inclusive community where everyone has a voice.</p> <p>Sister Christine stated that SPLASH began 30 years ago and she believes houses are homes and a place for shaping our lives. She further stated that they are planning the following for residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estate Funday – hoping one can be done 5th August • Will do the publicity • Need people to get involved • Coach trip for RHG/Blashill Court/Camilla House residents to Margate on 19th August. <p>Resident asked how much input will RHG have with Swan residents. Sister Christine explained there would be no difference as there are a number of small Housing Associations involved.</p> <p>Sister Christine will send Abdullah the leaflet to be publicised in Blashill Court and Camellia House.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes and actions from last meeting</u></p> <p>This was the first meeting since the AGM held on 21st June 2018.</p> <p>Actions of last meeting update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting a response email from the service charge team • Tenant to contact Hill concerning the car covers 	
5.	<p><u>Corrections</u> None</p>	
6.	<p><u>Regeneration Update</u></p>	

	<p>Iona provided an update on the Blackwall Reach Development expected completion times:</p> <p>Phase 1B – Mid 2019 Phase 2: 2019/2020.</p> <p>Also the timetable for the planned works of Phase 1B and Phase 2 will be given at the next resident meeting.</p> <p>Residents asked for RHG to have regular updates about the regeneration. Craig Lambert will attend the next resident meeting with the plans.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Service Update</u></p> <p>THH Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millennium Green is not part of TH Council • Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) – not building on the Millennium Green. Needs new CPO • Working with Sister Christina <p>Housing and ASB</p> <p>No Service update from Housing. Resident stated that they were still experiencing possible cannabis smell from someone smoking in the communal corridor 3rd, 4th or 5th floor. It is believed that this comes from a corner flat, possibly Flats 402 or 403 Blashill Court between 8 and 9pm.</p> <p>Someone also smokes and put out the cigarette in Blashill Court stairs.</p> <p>Community Development</p> <p>A construction training programme will be starting soon from 16th July for a period of 6 weeks. There is a drop in session for anyone in the borough. AH also invited residents attending to SwanFest and 3 residents expressed an interest.</p> <p>Robin Hood Garden Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smell of cannabis and youths hanging around near the chute and lifts, at both South & Northside. They also ride bikes from 4 to 7pm which can be very bad. They also loiter during the day and night. • Residents were encouraged to report to the ASB Team, complete diary sheets with date and time • It was asked if the youths are residents living in the block • Godfrey stated that he had visited the block between 7 & 8pm and found approximately 15 boys. He also explained that residents who see these youths do not make reports to the ASB Team. • A resident explained that she had seen 8/9 year old children playing on the communal corridor and throwing items. They were challenged and found them to respond in an aggressive manner. • Godfrey agreed to write to residents to remind them to make ASB reports, complete the diary sheets, which he will deliver on a weekly basis. 	Godfrey

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident asked if a “Whatsapp” group could assist in improving communication and reporting incidents . 	
8.	<p><u>Board Update</u></p> <p>No Board Update</p>	
9.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Residents reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drugs smell on the 5th & 6th floor of Blashill Court - Low water pressure from sinks and showers. EON & Axis visited and both are addressing. - Vents not working – Resident advised to report to Axis, if no action, escalate to Neighbourhood Service Officer. - Request for ‘No Smoking’ signs to be placed on the stairs of Blashill Court - Letter to be sent to Camellia House to ask residents to stop using Blashill Court bins - Confirm if there is a number to send text to the caretakers to remove bulk items at the weekend. 	Phillip a
8.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>11th September 2018</p>	