## Vauxhall Gardens Estate Residents and Tenants Association (VGERTA)

General Meeting at the Vernon Hall

Thursday 22nd May 2025

@ 6.00 to 7.30 P.M.

**Agenda**

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| 1. **Introductions and Apologies:**   **Present:** Jerome, Chair, Naomi, Vice Chair, Frances Hinderks Estate Housing Officer, Pam Fry, Lindsey Asplin, Casey Tenancy Housing Officer, Peter Keal, David, Hugh, Clare Chris. Sally Crookson. Stephen Suff.   1. **Apologies: Tom** swaine-jameson; Sarah-Jane Elvin |
| **2. Code of conduct.**   * The following items were suggested by the meeting as a conduct for the new committee: * No Interrupting. * Put your hand up if you want to speak * Listen to each other and allow people to speak and finish * Be accountable for our actions. * Fairness and respect. * No shouting. * Don’t say or do anything that might intentionally cause offence to someone else. * If you are offended please raise this calmly through the chair or speak to a member of the committee. * Be nice |
| **3. Admin from the AGM**  It was agreed that all the committee members will email Clare with their address and postcode. Clare will send a reminder but anyone who hasn’t done this after 1 week will not be registered as a committee member.  Clare will send a copy of the constitution to the committee members |
| **4. New Temporary Carmelita Centre Update**  There was no news since they had advised us that we needed to re-register as a committee. |
| **5. Schedule of meetings going foward**  We agreed to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. |
| **6. AOB**  **New traffic calming measures**  Peter raised that the proposed LTN for Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens had only been notified to residents recently. There was a lot of confusion about what the changes will mean for traffic. **Jerome will invite the person leading the consultation to come to our meeting to help us understand how the LTN affects traffic flow. Clare will send a link to the consultation with the minutes.**  https://haveyoursay.lambeth.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/proposed-design-vauxhall-pleasure-gardens  **Refreshments**  It was agreed that we would have tea and coffee in future, we will bring it along for each meeting.  Play equipment for Wynyard and Seddley  Pam asked for an update about the playground for Wynyard and Seddley. **Jerome will make enquiries to find out if it is possible for us to progress this ourselves, either by funding directly or by raising additional funds if necessary. Jerome will approach Cherlyn and we will talk to the Councillors about the playground.**  **Safeguarding at the sheltered residence Bland and Burchall:**  **A number of concerns have been raised about safeguarding at the sheltered residence Bland and Burchall.**  **For example no monitoring of residents who do not respond to their daily call, in one situation a resident had died and a (non sheltered) neighbour found the body.**  **There was a report that a resident was abandoned at the bottom of the stairs when the lift broke down, and didn’t get access to her flat until 1am by the fire brigade.**  **The residence have been advised that if there is no hot water or heating at 5pm on a Friday, don’t bother calling until Monday morning.**  **There has also been reports that the heating services have said they will not come out anymore because they can’t get access to the building.**  **It is generally understood that the warden is not present in the daytime, or if so only for an hour or two.**  **Clare will forward these concerns to our local councillors.**  Jerome and Hugh have been working on the Community Garden and will be applying for a grant to do more gardening on the estate.  The Peace Garden needs to have it’s lawn cut. Jerome will send Paul a map of where to shorten the grass and copy Frances and Hugh in.  Concerns were raised that the bin chutes have not been jetted. |
| **7. Date of Next meeting?**  **June the 12th**  (We agreed to hold our meetings on the 2nd Thursday in the month) |