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

COMMITTEE MEETNG at the Carmelita Centre

Tuesday 26 July 2022

@ 6.00 to 7.30 P.M.

**Minutes**

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| Present; Esther;Lindsey; Rachel; Alison (Vice Chair and Centre Manager) Pam; Carroll; Jerome (Chair);Chris W. Alfred; Clare (Secretary)  In Attendance: Cherlyn Campbell (Resident Participation Officer); Frances Hinderks (Neighbourhood Housing Officer); Cllr Isla Wrathmell  Apologies: Chrys, Rita, Jean |
| 1. Code of Conduct   Review the expectations we have of each other’s behaviour and whether there are any items to add. |
| 1. Graphite Square   We need to decide how we will be represented at Graphite Square meetings.  No one at the meeting spoke in favour of changing the current arrangements. Chrys had also sent an email to many people on the Committee. Peter had submitted a written email but only this afternoon so not in time for the meeting. We will return to this item in future if necessary. |
| 1. Update from Resident Engagement and housing and Councillor   Cllr Isla Wrathmell  Isla spoke about the new Chief Executive of Lambeth Council Bayo Dosanmu and the proposal for a visit by him to the Estate in August. Isla proposed a meeting with a focus on the new Carmelita Centre. Isla will confirm.  Frances Hinderks  Frances reported that there were problems about grounds maintenance and some of the contractors. She will be having a walkabout with some representatives of the council next week to review the estate. There have also been reports that contractors having been parking their vans on the estate overnight so if anyone notices contractor’s vans on the estate out of hours please take a photo of the vehicle’s registration and send with date and time to: [Fhinderks@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:Fhinderks@lambeth.gov.uk)  Cherlyn Campbell  Cherlyn will support us to secure funding for Jojo’s sewing classes. Alison will forward all the information about Jojo. We also raised the need for funding to cover the weekly drumming and future planned events such as the Christmas event and playschemes.  Cherlyn requested a financial forecast for the current money in the bank and she will then share options and funding streams at a future meeting. |
| 1. Chair’s Report   Jerome raised that the workers from Berkeley construction are coming into the Estate at lunch time and littering prolifically. Jerome will email Berkeley and copy in Cherlyn; Frances; and the Councillors.  The Community Healing garden project is going well, with young visitors and bug finders.  **Please Vote for VGERTA in TESCO: “COMMUNITY HEALING GARDEN”.**  Jerome would like to set fundraising targets for the coming year and apply for a community summer programme which is led by local people and includes young people, gardening, art, cooking and other creative activities. |
| 1. Vice Chair’s Report   Payback in the community are doing fantastically well, Lambeth has sponsored paint and VGERTA has bought tools and sandpaper. They have painted the gates at Arden House. Arden needs a new bin chamber  Alison has been doing a walkabout on the Black Prince Estate  Rachel has been working with Alison around Sullivan house planting fruit trees. The is a need to construct something to protect the flower beds which are being driven over.  Alison suggested we change our name to Vauxhall TRA. The Committee agreed that we could have a fresh start with a new name. We will investigate making this change at the next AGM. |
| 1. Secretary’s Report   Cherlyn clarified that the previous constitution will not be accepted by Lambeth and we will not receive our grant unless we adopt one of the two new constitutions. Clare and Cherlyn will meet to discuss the registration papers. |
| 1. Financial Update –   New treasurer.  Peter Keal gave his apologies for this meeting. |
| 1. Wynyard & Sedley Courtyard   The Graphite Developers are going to have a look at the children’s playground surface and the bin chambers to see if they can help. |
| 1. Any Other Business   The Committee agreed to book a pantomime for the Christmas Party. |
| 1. Date of Next Committee Meeting   Tuesday the 6th of September at 6pm |