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

COMMITTEE MEETNG at the Carmelita Centre

Tuesday 7th June 2022

@ 6.00 to 7.30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

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| 1. **Present**   Alison; Clare; Rita; Lindsey; Chrys; Jerome; Rita; Pam; Isla; Christopher W  **Apologies**  Peter; Liam Jarnecki; |
| 1. **Code of Conduct**   There was a discussion about the expectations we have on each other’s behaviour. Suggested items were:  Not over speaking people, let people finish speaking;  Respect people’s time, arrive promptly and finish on time  Respect the Chair  Agree to disagree we can’t always think the same.  Allow people to express themselves.  All members of the committee are expected to represent the committee and to conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Committee members who behave in a way which brings the committee into disrepute or who behave in ways which are experienced as bullying will be subject to the committee’s disciplinary process.  We agreed to return to this item at the next meeting.  It was agreed that the presence of a member of the Resident Engagement Team is essential to maintain the authority of the Committee. |
| 1. **TRA registration form**   Clare will submit the form with the details of the current committee members and will record which block people live in. |
| 1. **Constitution**   We need to review the Constitution the Resident Engagement Department of the Council have suggested we adopt.  We have a years to review the current and potential future constitutions. Clare will sent current constitution to Chrys so that he can reduce the file size so that it can be sent as an email attachment.  Members of the committee present agrees for their email addresses to be shared among other committee members |
| 1. **Chair’s Report**   Jerome has met with Kevin Crookes from Parks who is looking to plant fruit trees on the estate.  There was a discussion about gardens in the Estate and how mowing has been adapted so that some areas have been designated meadows and others are mowed monthly.  Jerome will ask someone to come to the next meeting to share information about biodiversity and planting on the Estate.  Clare asked Jerome to find out about the Rose Gardens in the Vauxhall 5 and who is responsible for weeding them. It was suggested that this could be a future gardening project.  It was agreed that Rita and Christopher will attend Oval Village Meetings representing VGERTA. |
| 1. **Vice Chair’s Report**   Alison will also attend Oval Village Meetings with a view to securing support for the Vauxhall 5 Community building.  The Payback in the Community group are doing great work in the local area painting and carrying out improvements.  We hope to be able to acknowledge some of their work in our social media.  Alison shared that she goes on walkabouts with the Housing team. The council walkabouts can be attended by anyone but it would be very helpful it people could come along and represent their own blocks.  There is an issue with getting the bins back in the bin stores. Rita raised that the bins in Dolland are now outside, and it is better if they stay out.  Alison proposed that we use the money that is ring-fenced for improving children’s play areas to provide new children’s play equipment on the playground in Wynyard and Sedley.  This was agreed  Chrys will send Jerome and Alison the outcome of the latest consultation. We will hold a future community involvement event and hope to establish a steering group of local residents. |
| 1. **Secretary’s Report**   Suggested technology upgrade  It was previously agreed for the Carmelita Centre Manager to buy a new phone and laptop that can be used for the hirings business. We note that the cost of laptops has exceeded the agreed budget, and ask the Carmelita Centre Manager to use the budget to buy a phone. We will return to the issue of a laptop at a later date.  Email re notice board for Wynyard and Sedley  Clare has sent an email and will send another.  All members of the committee present agreed that their email addresses can be shared among other committee members |
| 1. **Drumming**   Alison will ask resident engagement if they will fund drumming for children so that we can Commission TonyBHappyDrums to run a children’s drumming group. |
| 1. **Publicity and social media**   Chrys put an introduction to Jerome in the last newsletter which was very successful and suggested that all the new committee members share some brief information about themselves which can go on the website and in the newsletter. |
| 1. **Treasurer’s Report**   Carroll is still away but will be back in the next couple of weeks. |
| 1. **Any Other Business**   All Committee members  Including Chrys Proposed by Jean; seconded by Pam; Christopher proposed by Clare; seconded by Jean. This was agreed by those present  Jean is still the delegate on the North Area Board. Pedlar’s Park meeting will be in the Carmelita Centre on Thursday. Jean will Chair.  Chrys mentioned that there was no rep from the Graphite Square group on the VGERTA Committee. Alison and Jerome have been representing VGERTA as the Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee can decide at a future meeting whether we want an additional Rep. |
| 1. **Date of Next Committee Meeting**   19th of July |