

**General Meeting
Held on 6 August 2014**

In Attendance

O Jallow (Chair)
R Louis
J Penfold
T Penfold (Vice Chair)
Lorraine Roberts
Marian Christie
Simone Rossi
Mark Dibben
L Noakes (Manager)
Katie Williams (Senior administrator)
PC Tom Parker Paul (Queenstown SNT)
PC Andreas Varotis (Queenstown SNT).

Welcome & opening remarks from the Chair of the Co op

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. It was confirmed there was a quorum of voting members.

Talk from Queenstown SNT encompassing problems at Blore Close garages.

The Police addressed the meeting. In Blore Close they had been made aware that there were illegal parties going on in the garage area and playpen. TP explained that the derelict garage site had been handed back to Carey Gardens management after the sale to a private developer fell through. Metal poles which had been installed to stop people parking there had been ripped out following a party where 150 youths had been gathered. TP/LN had arranged for concrete blocks to be installed to stop people parking their cars in the garages.

Residents complained bitterly at seeming lack of action from Police and Environmental Services. Residents state this is a recurrent problem from 6-7 years ago. A resident states that there were WBC papers from 2005 stating that the garages were supposed to have been redeveloped.

PC Parker Paul says he appreciates the problems that residents are experiencing. He states that the Borough Commander has been informed and will make the issue a priority. PC Parker Paul says that because the area effectively falls under two Police forces, Lambeth and Wandsworth, this makes the logistics of dealing with the situation more complicated and it is difficult to set up a meeting with the Lambeth Sergeant. A resident asks a question as to whether Aston House can be leafleted to get a concerted campaign about the noise. LN to look into and liaise with Lambeth housing.

Residents complain that the WBC noise patrol officers refuse to get out of their cars and the Police should be on hand to help. PC Parker Paul advises if criminal damage, assault or drug dealing is taking place the best thing for residents to do is phone 999. However he states the Police cannot stop noise, drinking. A resolution was passed at the meeting to request that the garages are demolished.

PC Parker Paul states that feedback from tonight's meeting will be passed to the Borough Commander. OJ thanks the Police for their contribution to the discussion. Residents give their thanks to TP and LN for their assistance.

PC Andreas reported that there had been 7 arrests in the local area as a result of reported motorbike offences. Residents were asked to phone 101 if they saw anyone riding a motorbike dangerously. Residents can phone anonymously but it is better if they are prepared to give a short statement as well. It is also helpful if residents can take down some if not all of the registration number. PC Andreas also said in relation to suspected drug dealing people should report this to the Police as it only takes three or four reports for a magistrate to issue a warrant to force entry.

Presentation of the Accounts (by L Noakes)

LN took the residents through the separate headings under the accounts. No questions from the floor.

Moved: Bill Beacham

Approved: Mick Slaughter.

In favour: unanimous.

Talk on fire safety by Katie Williams

KW gave a short talk on fire safety based upon some training the fire brigade had provided relating to the Lakanhal House fire in Southwark. The recommendation is that residents should leave the building as soon as possible as soon as they notice a fire. All doors in the property should be kept closed. Residents should call 999 straight away if they see a fire. When exiting the building shout "fire" so other residents are alerted. Balconies should be kept free of clutter so as not to impede escape. This is very important.

Ensure you have a smoke alarm fitted and test it once a month. The fire brigade fit smoke alarms free of charge for tenants and leaseholders and the office can fit them for tenants as well. There is an information leaflet available in the office.

Continuation ballot

OJ spoke in favour of voting for the Co op to continue for another 5 years when the ballot is held in late September/early October. The electoral reform services will hold the ballot. TP spoke to the meeting about why residents should vote "yes".

AOB

A resident complained that contractors doing private work are dumping stuff in the bins. If residents are able to identify the address involved the office will look into it. A resident complained that a tree root is damaging their paving. LN will contact the resident to arrange an inspection.

Close: OJ closed the meeting at 8.45 and thanked everyone for coming.

Signed: Debra Kelly Date: 24/03/15
Chairperson