**Queensland Road Residents Association**

**20th March 2018**

**Minutes in progress** (NT)

**Apologies: Lindsay Malcolm, Vivan Buffard, Alex Fisher, David Grizman**

**Neighbourhood watch**

Discussion of a letter to Newlon about security issues including stolen parcels, and to pass on advice about identity theft from PC Cain, suggestions of drop box and frosted glass. To check with Becky if the pdf with the mockup was sent to Newlon along with the email?

Dr Bike for maintenance and BikeFix cycle tagging security session to arrange with Arsenal Hub or possibly in Tower 3.

Islington Council oversee monthly Dr Bike sessions take place from 4pm to 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month, outside Islington Town Hall on Upper Street, N1 2UD.

Dr Bike organise pop-up sessions to support other events and organisations. Natalie has emailed for more info and also there is a schedule of nearby events to publicise on <https://islington.coordinate.cloud/courses/dr-bike-sessions/>

**Front Lobby door broken**

There are also broken doors in other blocks, see Alex’s email about this, and mentioned by residents in the meeting. One inner door has been broken for over a few months.

**Parking**

To do: contact Richard Greening at Islington Council as we have not received confirmation of what the council decided to do about parking in our road, following their partial consultation.

**Eon Heat Tariff**

All Queensland Road Residents should be on a Shared Ownership Heat 2018 tariff with Eon. There are variations from 1-4, with 1 being the lowest price per unit but highest yearly fee, 4 is the highest price per unit but lowest yearly fee. Becky contacting Tim Bryant at Newlon to publicise our tariff settings again to residents, plus to ask about a recent letter from Eon saying some of us were not eligible.

**The Cleaner Islington App**

We discussed promoting this again on our Facebook group. Request for a volunteer for to post this on FB instead of the usual people for more impact.

**Flower boxes outside Co-op**

Natalie is going to ask Arsenal for approval for knee-height flower boxes around the trees, and if they would consider paying for them. Aim is to have a small community gardening project, especially involving children.

**Gardening group**

The gardening group continues to flourish, the watering schedule needs to be made for this year – any volunteers? Planting days planned for Sat 14th and Sunday 28th April (tbc)

**Green roof maintenance**

Becky and Natalie have sent a letter to Arsenal to request a "Schedule for works” on the roof to see how often they are going to be trimming it.

**The Constitution**

Has now been given to Anna our treasurer for signing, who forwarded it to Harsha at Newlon.

**Website domain name and hosting**

Lizzie has had an issue with being able to access the website to upload the minutes, which she’s trying to fix. There has been 3 requests from Ben Bschor for the minutes, we intend to host them and then send him a link rather than email out attachments individually.

We’ve bought the domain name queenslandroad.co.uk for £20. Hosting will cost £34 for 12 months. Natalie to co-ordinate transferring the Wix hosting upgrade package with Lizzie (who made the website). The website is useful for residents who do not use Facebook, and for hosting documents and linking to other sites.

**Noticeboards**

Hurrah! These have been put up in the other 6 blocks. Keys to were sent to Natalie, copies to make and a poster to recruit a volunteer from each block to be the other resident keyholder. Natalie found out that the Barratt blocks do not have a Resident’s association and they have 300+ letterboxes if we want to post something.

To do: Natalie to put up Liam's number (plumber), Nelson's number (decorator), Richard (carpenter), Violetta (cleaner).

**Monthly Estate inspections**

At the last meeting Viv commented that we only visit Towers 1, 2 and 34.

To do: Natalie offered to promote this on the FB groups/noticeboards and ask for volunteers.

**Recruitment and AGM**

Voting method and promotion were discussed. Residents can apply for a role on the core working group via email up to one week before the AGM, or read out their application in person (or get a representative to do this if they can’t attend). Anyone can attend as a general member to any meeting.

**Islington Council, Highbury West Ward partnership, minutes from their meetings to publicise**

Decision to add a link form our RA website to the council’s page with their minutes on it, see

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/publicrecords?q=Highbury+West+Ward+Partnership&via=docs>

See also <https://www.islington.gov.uk/~/media/sharepoint-lists/public-records/democracy/democraticdecisionmaking/meetingsminutesandagendas/20172018/20170515highburywestwardimprovementplanfundedwardreport201703291.pdf?la=en>

**Social events, let’s talk about setting a date…**

Street party and road closing info re-sent to RA gmail inbox. The Big Lunch is on Sunday 2nd June.

**AOB**