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**From:** J BLAKEMAN <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 19 July 2013 09:05  
**To:** Laura.johnson@rbkc.gov.uk; cllr.feilding-Mellen@rbkc.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Fw: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays.

FYI

Judith

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**From:** Edward Daffarn <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "kerry.thomas@rbkc.gov.uk" <kerry.thomas@rbkc.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Francis verity action group <[REDACTED]>; TUNDE GLA <info@platinum-c.co.uk>; councillor blakeman <cllr.blakeman@rbkc.gov.uk>; christine ra <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 July 2013, 9:01  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays.

Dear Kerry,

Her is an Agenda for this afternoon's meeting, as promised.

I do not have access to a printer so it would be helpful if the Council could bring some photocopies of this document to the meeting, if at all possible?

We assume that the "clubroom" that you refer to earlier are the EMB Community Room's situated next to the old children's playground close to the base of Grenfell Tower?

We will look forward to meeting at 3.30pm this afternoon.

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

Grenfell Action Group

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## AGENDA

1. Grenfell power
2. Grenfell refurb
3. Lanc West heating
4. Decant policy

### **1 - Power Surge.**

Please can the Council update us on the outcome of the Scrutiny Committee's findings from their meeting on 16th July?

Why were residents concerns not taken seriously by the TMO when the power surges were first brought to their attention on 11th May and many subsequent dates?

Why have residents not yet been properly informed of the cause of the Power surge?

Why were residents denied a "Residents Meeting" by the TMO despite repeated requests from all the Stakeholders on Lanc West?

When will the compensation claims be submitted by the TMO and when can residents expect to receive payment for their losses?

**2 - Grenfell refurb** - protracted squabbling ( a full year) among the various parties, with the TMO pressuring the Council to increase the budget, the main contractor (Leadbitter) insisting that they can't deliver for less than £11.3 million, the Planning Department blocking the whole project, insisting on various last minute changes, and Leadbitter's apparently out of favour and at risk of losing out completely in a new tendering process.

The scrutiny report projects a start date for the project in March 2014 with completion by March 2015. There is, however, no certainty about these dates as they depend, firstly, on Cabinet approval of a revised £9.7 million budget, and on the subsequent granting of planning permission at some later date. There is no certainty either that the squabbling parties can reach agreement in the meantime, given the £1.6 million difference between the proposed budget and Leadbitter's best estimate.

Please, in the near future, can the Council provide our community with a written explanation to the above?

Will any cost cutting be to the detriment of the project as a whole and will it lead to lower quality standard of works?

Why has the TMO been given overall responsibility for the GT Reurb and why hasn't a Council Cabinet Member been given a lead role in overseeing the whole project.

It is our understanding that this refurb should be under the ultimate responsibility of the Council and that an appointed Cabinet Member must come from outside of Housing.

Why has a portion of Grenfell Tower been demolished without any apparent Planning Permission? When will the tendering process be completed and what is the best estimate for start and finish of refurbishment. Have the Council considered decanting residents while the construction works take place?

**3 - Lanc West heating.** Cost of replacing entire district heating was estimated about £11m in 2008. Probably an underestimate. Where will the money come from and how soon?

#### **4 - Decant Policy v Core Strategy**

Core Strategy Policy CH 4 "The Council ....will guarantee all existing tenants an opportunity of a home, with those wishing to stay in the area being able to do so"

Decant Policy 7.9 "Right To Return ...cannot be guaranteed and will depend on the particular circumstances of each individual regeneration scheme using this policy."

From: [REDACTED] To: kerry.thomas@rbkc.gov.uk CC: [REDACTED] Subject: RE: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays. Date: Thu, 18 Jul 2013 21:57:32 +0100

Dear Kerry,

Sorry I have not had access to my computer since Monday morning and have only just picked up your message.

Attendees will be as advised previously and should also include Councillor Blakeman.

I will confirm this and send Agenda either later tonight or first thing in the am.

Regards,

Edward Daffarn

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From: Kerry.Thomas@rbkc.gov.uk To: [REDACTED] Subject: Re: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays. Date: Wed, 17 Jul 2013 05:52:02 +0000 Mr Daffarn,

Please see my email below, I would be most grateful if you would advise accordingly. It would be most helpful if you could provide an agenda and give an indication of who will attend to enable the Deputy Leader and Ms Johnson to prepare for the items you wish to discuss.

Many thanks,

Kerry Thomas  
PA to the Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Rock Feilding-Mellen

RBKC, The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX

T: [REDACTED]  
M: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Thomas, Kerry: CP-Gov  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:50 AM  
**To:** Edward Daffarn <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Stone, Lucy: HS-Housing  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays.

Dear Mr Daffarn,

Please could you advise who the attendees for this meeting will be. I'd also be very grateful if you could provide an agenda as stated below.

Kind regards,

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**Kerry Thomas**  
PA to the Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Rock Feilding-Mellen  
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**From:** Thomas, Kerry: CP-Gov  
**Sent:** 11 July 2013 15:59  
**To:** 'Edward Daffarn'  
**Cc:** Stone, Lucy: HS-Housing  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays.

Dear Mr Daffarn,

I write to confirm that the Club Room has been booked at LWE for this meeting.

Kind regards,

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**Kerry Thomas**  
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**From:** Edward Daffarn [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 05 July 2013 08:46  
**To:** Thomas, Kerry: CP-Gov  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays.

Dear Kerry,

Thank you very much for your assistance in organising the meeting between the Council/TMO and local stakeholders on Lancaster West Estate.

Please can I confirm to you that 3.30pm on 19th July is a convenient time and we would kindly like to accept this invitation to meet.

I would like to advise you that Councillor Blakeman has also agreed to be present at the proposed meeting. Please can you inform Councillor Fielding Mellen that we are working on an agenda to accompany our meeting and we shall provide him with a copy of the specific items we wish to discuss in due course.

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

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From: Kerry.Thomas@rbkc.gov.uk

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays.

Date: Wed, 3 Jul 2013 13:27:37 +0000

Dear Mr Daffarn,

Further to your emails with Cllr Feilding-Mellen I wondered would it be at all possible that we arrange a meeting for 19<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm. Cllr Feilding-Mellen would be accompanied by Peter Maddison and Laura Johnson and we would happy to meet on the LWE. Mr Maddison will arrange a room.

Please confirm that this time is convenient for the attendees you wish to invite and I will come back to you on venue details.

Kind regards,

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**Kerry Thomas**

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**From:** Edward Daffarn [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 28 June 2013 13:37  
**To:** Cllr-Feilding-Mellen (cllr.feilding-mellen@rbkc.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays.

Dear Rock,

Thank you very much for your speedy and positive response to our request to meet with you to discuss delays to the Grenfell Tower refurbishment project.

I should imagine that Francis O'Conner and myself will attend the planned meeting representing the Grenfell Action Group, Tunde Awoderu will attend to represent the Grenfell Tower Leaseholders Association and Christine Richer will attend to represent the Lancaster West Residents Association. Like I mentioned previously, the late afternoon during a weekday would be the optimum time for us to attend a meeting and we can host in the RA Room on Lancaster West Estate.

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

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From: [cllr.feilding-mellen@rbkc.com](mailto:cllr.feilding-mellen@rbkc.com)

Date: Fri, 28 Jun 2013 13:16:30 +0100

Subject: Re: Meeting to discuss Grenfell Tower refurbishment delays.

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [kerry.thomas@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:kerry.thomas@rbkc.gov.uk)

Dear Mr Daffarn,

I think it would be useful to have such a meeting and to discuss these various issues.

I have cc'ed Kerry Thomas, who will liaise with you to arrange a convenient time for this meeting.

Kerry - please also try to make sure Peter Maddison and Laura Johnson can attend.

Mr Daffarn - can you please confirm who would be attending from your side.

I would also like to come on a tour of the estate with you. However, I must also make it clear that the Council has no plans to do anything that could even vaguely be referred to as "social cleansing", and I would urge you to make that clear to your fellow residents.

Kind regards,

Rock.

Sent from my iPhone

On 27 Jun 2013, at 18:30, Edward Daffarn <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Councillor Fielding Mellen,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Grenfell Action Group, the Grenfell Tower Leaseholders Association and the Lancaster West Residents Association to request an urgent meeting to discuss with you the reasons for the delays to the Grenfell Tower refurbishment project. We seek this meeting with you in your capacity as Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regeneration as we feel that we are unable to get the answers to the questions we want to ask elsewhere.

You should be aware that there is growing dissatisfaction among residents of Grenfell Tower and the wider Estate that the original promises made to our community appear to have been broken and we are now seeking clarification about when and, with how much available funding, will the refurbishment of our homes be taking place?

We would also like to use this opportunity to draw your attention to the recent power surge that occurred at Grenfell Tower and placed the health and safety of residents in jeopardy (re: the Lakanal House fire in SW London).

It may be helpful for us all to have the new Head of Asset's at the TMO, Mr Peter Maddison, present for this meeting. Would this be possible for you to arrange?

If you would like to send me some dates and times that you are available, over the next week or so, we can take things from there? Late weekday afternoons is the optimum time our end.

I will be writing to you separately to invite you to visit the Lancaster West community, at sometime in the future, to meet with local stakeholders and have a tour of our Estate. This additional chance to meet would give us the opportunity to separately raise some of the other concerns affecting our community that we recently put to our MP, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, when he visited Lancaster West Estate in early May 2013.

These include the perception of many residents that RBKC Council and the TMO are responsible for the long-term "managed decline" of Lancaster West Estate and fears that any future "regeneration" will lead to widespread "social cleansing" and the displacement of long standing residents of our community outside of the Royal Borough against their wishes.

Anyway, we will look forward to hearing back from you with regards our request to meet with you and Peter Maddison from the TMO, hopefully, without any undue delay.

As we have stated to you previously, we genuinely hope that we can deal with the current issues related to Grenfell Tower with you and your Council/TMO colleagues in an open, honest and respectful manner and find an amicable resolution to the satisfaction of all parties.

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

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