
From: Laura.Johnson@rbkc.gov.uk
Sent: 17 June 2013 13:04
To: Cllr.Blakeman@rbkc.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower

Cllr Blakeman,

I do appreciate the position you are in and I and my team will do everything we can to support not just the successful completion of KALC but the improvement of the whole area which is after all what we all want.

I understand your views on the EMB and we are in agreement, although our approach may this time around appear plodding it really is a case of the tortoise and the hare, last time around I thought I could do it relatively quickly (6-9months!) but was proved wrong, this time we are going through the route of serving notice, improvement plans etc., it may take longer but hopefully we shall be more successful this time.

See you on Wednesday at the KALC Residents Forum.

Regards
Laura Johnson

From: Cllr, Blakeman, Judith
Sent: 17 June 2013 12:25
To: Johnson, Laura: HS-Housing
Cc: 'Robert Black'; Rumble, Siobhan: RBKCTMO Ltd; Johnson, Amanda: HS-Housing; Cllr, Atkinson, Robert; Cllr, Foreman, Todd
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower

Dear Ms. Johnson

Apologies – this has crossed with the extremely angry e-mail I have just sent out.

Frankly we have known for years that there are insufficient Estate residents with the necessary skills, time, commitment and inclination to restore the EMB as a functioning and effective organisation and the sooner it is put out of its misery the better. I do appreciate that we have to go through all the steps, but we rather chickened out of it the last time round when it could have been done then.

I do hope that you and your colleagues appreciate the very difficult situation that we as ward councillors are in at the moment. We have been completely supportive of the whole KALC and Grenfell Tower project to the point of antagonising many local residents – not just the difficult few who perpetually engage on these issues – and we have the right to expect full support.

Kind regards.

Cllr. Judith Blakeman

From: Johnson, Laura: HS-Housing
Sent: 17 June 2013 12:01
To: Cllr, Blakeman, Judith
Cc: 'Robert Black'; Rumble, Siobhan: RBKCTMO Ltd; Johnson, Amanda: HS-Housing
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower

Cllr Blakeman,

I'm afraid I don't agree that the problems that are being encountered at Grenfell Tower by residents are as a direct result of a lack of a fully functioning EMB thus proving the need for more accountability, the residents of Lancaster West are members (if they so choose) of a tenant management organisation and as such have every opportunity to feedback to their management organisation problems they may be encountering. In my time here I have found the double layer of information exchange and the lack of clear site by tenants on who is accountable for what between the EMB and TMO added confusion rather than clarity on estate management issues.

Mr O'Connor is as ever forensic in his examination of the problem and although I have always found him to be erudite and intelligent in his examination of issues, to my knowledge he is not an electrical engineer or qualified in problems that may be experienced on supplying energy to ageing tower blocks. The problems of power surges were indeed reported, the problem was difficult to trace and the solution complex. As you know the TMO are meeting with residents tonight to provide them with more information about the power surges and how they are dealing with it, as Mr O'Connor is not a resident of Grenfell Tower I don't suppose he will attend but no doubt he will be kept up to date on what the TMO tell the residents by friends and colleagues in the tower and then post them via a blog on the Lanc West website with his own unique spin on what was said.

With regard to what action the Council is taking for breach of agreement by the EMB, a letter is being sent to Mr Bryans this week in his capacity as Chair of the Lancaster West Estate Management Board. This sets out the findings of the 5 year review which was recently undertaken. The letter states that the review has identified serious deficiencies that need urgent attention. It is accompanied by an action plan detailing the remedial action that needs to be taken with timescales. The letter also states that in light of the deficiencies identified by the review the Council requires the EMB to call a Special General Meeting (SGM), in accordance with its Constitution. Under the rules the Board is required to act to fill vacancies on the Board in order to ensure that all future Board meetings are quorate. The letter states that if the above action is not taken in line with the Constitution then appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the MMA.

Regards
Laura Johnson

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From: Cllr, Blakeman, Judith
Sent: 14 June 2013 17:28
To: Johnson, Laura: HS-Housing
Cc: rblack@kctmo.org.uk; Rumble, Siobhan: RBKCTMO Ltd
Subject: Grenfell Tower

Dear Ms. Johnson

This sorry business puts a focus on the problems that we are encountering by no longer having a functioning Estate Management Board on Lancaster West and no alternative route for tenant management.

Given that the EMB has now been in breach of its agreement with the Council to manage the Estate on behalf of the Council for over 6 months now, can you please advise what steps are being taken to rectify this situation?

Many thanks.

Cllr. Judith Blakeman

From: Francis O'Connor [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 June 2013 22:43
To: Cllr, Blakeman, Judith
Cc: Robert Black; Cllr, Paget-Brown, Nicholas; Clifton, Jane: RBKCTMO Ltd; SJEVANS@kctmo.org.uk; Maddison, Peter: RBKCTMO Ltd; Paul Dunkerton; maria.memoli@localgovernance.co.uk; Jones, Janice: RBKCTMO Ltd; Cllr-Foreman ([REDACTED]); Rumble, Siobhan: RBKCTMO Ltd; Cllr, Feilding-Mellen, Rock; Grenfell Leaseholders; Eddie Daffarn; Teresa Miles
Subject: Fw: Grenfell Tower update -

Dear Judith,

Shah Ahmed copied us in to the briefing note that you very kindly provided and asked us to comment on it to you on behalf of ourselves, the GTLA, and other Grenfell Tower residents.

We feel that the briefing note was a reasonably acceptable early response, but left a number of crucial questions unanswered, which we expect to be answered fully now that the TMO have had some time to prepare their responses.

For instance, the residents of Grenfell Tower are entitled to a full explanation of how this potentially catastrophic fault in the electrical supply occurred, as well as explanations of why the TMO failed to respond promptly to the early warnings from GTLA, and how electrical engineers subsequently failed to diagnose any problem when they attended or this specific purpose.

EG. On 11th May Mr Ahmed reported serious power surge problems to TMO out-of-hours service and an emergency electrical engineer was called out to visit his home. This is detailed in Mr Ahmed's email of 13th May which was copied to you

Subsequently a planned power cut in Grenfell Tower between 08:30-17:30 on the following Saturday 18th May, arranged specifically to identify and rectify any problems, failed to identify or rectify a serious and potentially lethal fault in the electrical supply which was already obvious to residents, and had already been causing serious problems for several weeks.

Residents are also entitled to answers on the question of whether the TMO will now accept liability for the damage to their electrical appliances, and pay to replace these where necessary.

We also feel, as always, that there needs to be much closer scrutiny by TMO officers of the performance of contractors, particularly those supplying essential technical and emergency services, and much closer scrutiny by RBKC scrutiny committee of the TMO and its service delivery arrangements and monitoring.

Yours sincerely,

Francis O'Connor
Grenfell Action Group

----- Original Message -----

From: [Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association](#)

To: [Francis O'Connor](#) ; [Eddie daffarn](#)

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 10:10 PM

Subject: FW: Grenfell Tower update -

Dear Francis,

I hope both are well.

The interesting briefing and please look into this.

Best Wishes Shah

From: Cllr.Blakeman@rbkc.gov.uk

To: grenfellleaseholdersassociation@hotmail.co.uk

CC: CllrR.Atkinson@rbkc.gov.uk; Cllr.Foreman@rbkc.gov.uk

Subject: FW: Grenfell Tower update -

Date: Fri, 31 May 2013 17:47:08 +0000

Dear Mr. Ahmed

For your information. I am sure you will let me know if you are not content with this briefing.

Kind regards.

Cllr. Judith Blakeman

From: Thea McNaught-Reynolds [tmcnaughtreynolds@kctmo.org.uk]

Sent: 31 May 2013 17:34

To: Cllr, Blakeman, Judith; Cllr, Atkinson, Robert; Cllr, Foreman, Todd; Kerr, Maureen: CP-MediaCom; Johnson, Laura: HS-Housing

Cc: Thea McNaught-Reynolds; (0) Executive Team

Subject: Grenfell Tower update -

Dear all,

Please find attached a short briefing regarding the problems with the electrical supply at Grenfell Tower, which affected a small number of residents on Thursday 29 May 2013.

We have been liaising with residents and plans are in place for the weekend.

Kind regards

Thea

Thea McNaught-Reynolds
Interim Communications Manager



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