

Kensington Academy and Leisure Centre Residents' Forum

Notting Hill Methodist Church
14th December 2012

Minutes

Attendance:

- Cllr Coleridge
- Cllr Blakeman
- Laura Johnson (RBKC)
- Shelley Gittens (RBKC)
- Teresa Miles
- John Wilson
- Colin Chiles (Leadbitter)
- Andy West (Aldridge Foundation)
- Rob Reagan
- Eddie Daffarn (Grenfell Action Group)
- Christopher Allen
- Joanna Campling (Wesley Square Housing Association)

1. Introduction by attendees	Actions
<p>Declaration of interests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Blanchflower • Mary Harris • Liz Jeffs • Steph • Tunde Awoderu (Grenfell Leaseholder Association) 	
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite area to be progressed • Silchester Church Street Clements church book by January and particular time slots 	
3. Public Art Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email is being sent today to the wider distribution list regarding gaining expressions of interest for the KALC public art panel. Some expressions have already been received. • The original foundation stone has been found from the original baths and it is hoped that this would be incorporated within the site when it's finished 	
4. GLA Stage 1 & 2	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All construction projects that exceed 20,000 square meter applications need to be referred to the GLA. It was not thought this project met the threshold as there were 2 separate sites, however together they did and therefore the GLA asked for this to be called in for them to review the planning application that was submitted. • A response from the GLA will be received on the 19th December 2012 and this will state whether they have any comments regarding the application • The GLA is particularly interested in carbon omissions and the heating of the leisure centre and information regarding this has been requested. • 	
5. Leisure Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leisure centre will close on 24th December at 4pm; last entry will be at 3pm. The centre will not be opened after this time. • GLL staff will work till the 7th January to prepare the centre for handover to Leadbitter on the 7th January 2013. All equipment will be re-provided within existing provision within other GLL clubs. Some work is being done with the Harrow Club to gift some equipment to them also. • Equipment in the playground will be re-used in the new area and work is being done to source additional equipment, where the existing equipment cannot be salvaged. • Colin Simmonds has expressed an interest for this to be re-used elsewhere • All leisure centre members have been provided with information regarding alternative leisure facilities that they can use during the construction. • Porchester and Jubilee leisure centres are available for those that wish to use alternative facilities during the works to the site. • A request was put forward for information to be placed onto the hoardings where the leisure centre is based, to inform residents or casual users of what is taking place and their alternative options • Progress on using the swimming facilities from Holland Park School for the Chelsea and Westminster swimming club is still pending. In principle, the school are open to community use. However, they do not feel they were ready to hire out the pool as they are not fully aware of their energy bills and they have issues around opening the school on weekends. Discussions regarding this will be progressed. <p>Pollution levels under the Westway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no reported incidences related to respiratory issues regarding the Westway sports centre 	
6. Construction Contractors Update	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground condition surveys have found that there is more contamination than was originally expected. The levels that have been recorded are within acceptable levels; however more information is required, so that all of the contamination can be removed. Further surveys are being conducted. • On Monday 21st January, piling is due to start. If surveys find contamination that is not expected and then the start date for piling will be put back. • Topping and pollarding of existing trees has taken place. For those trees that are to be removed, a wood-chipper was brought onto site, to dispose of these in an environmentally friendly way, however due to noise levels and complaints received, and the wood-chipper will not be brought back onto site. • Residents were urged to call Colin Chile's number should they have any issues regarding the construction, rather than to go through councillors or wait for resident forums. This way issues can be addressed quickly. • Station walk is being kept open. However, when piling takes place this will need to be closed due to health and safety reasons. It is envisaged that this will be for 2 weeks • On Monday 7th January 2013, some surveys will need to take place of the leisure centre prior to the demolition of the building. It is envisaged that the demolition of the leisure centre will take place toward the end of February/Mid-March • In January the sewer diversion will take place and this will be done through tunnelling • The issue of the lights not working on Station walk has been resolved. The UK Power Network came to do some work and cut off the wrong lights these are now back on. 	
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7. AOB

New depot

- Some residents of Camelford and Dulford Street may experience some difficulties with the new depot as the road width and parking may prohibit larger vans and lorries getting in and out which may restrict residential traffic.
- Stephen Duckworth from Notting Hill Methodist Church enquired whether the council will commission a survey of the Church should there be any damage as a result of the piling. LJ responded that the church will need to conduct their own survey and will have to cover the costs of these.
- A temporary bay suspension order will be put forward to transport planners of those that are on the corner of Dulford Street, during the period the works take place, to ensure health and safety of the area.
- On Tuesday 8th January, the traffic management plan (for during demolition) is being taken to Planning Committee

Education

- 2 candidates for the Principal designate post will be interviewed on 20th December. An announcement should be made available in the New Year if there is a successful appointment to the role.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 13th February 2013