
From: J BLAKEMAN [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 August 2013 18:41
To: emma Dent Coad
Subject: Re: Grenfell Tower

The more I publicise that I am standing down next year the less likely I am to try and cling on to office come the moment!

From: emma Dent Coad [REDACTED]
To: J BLAKEMAN [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2013, 17:22
Subject: Re: Grenfell Tower

Oh gawd.

Now Camilla has picked up on a totally inaccurate story about the Venture Centre, something I know very little about but the man who gave it to them is dodgy as hell and much of the story is lies. She has swallowed it whole.

We will just have to weather the storm I'm afraid.

Thanks Camilla.
From: J BLAKEMAN [REDACTED]
To: EmmaDent Coad [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2013, 17:17
Subject: Fw: Grenfell Tower

FYI - I will be interested to see how he responds. If Eddie comes out on one of the blogs with you being Leader next year, that will also be interesting.

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From: J BLAKEMAN [REDACTED]
To: GrenfellTower Leaseholder's Association <grenfellleaseholdersassociation@hotmail.co.uk>
Cc: RobertAtkinson [REDACTED] ToddForeman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2013, 17:11
Subject: Grenfell Tower

Dear Tunde

I note your request that I pursue your case vigorously to give back their dignity to the residents of Grenfell Tower and I hope that I expressed their concerns and anguish adequately in my notes of the recent meeting.

I need to make a couple of things clear. I have no power and I cannot either require or force the Council or the TMO to do anything they do not want to do or are unwilling to do. Indeed, the TMO itself has little influence on the overall picture, as it is constrained by its contract with the Council and the shortcomings of the Housing Revenue Account. As local councillors, all we can do on behalf of Grenfell Tower residents is to act as their advocate and try to persuade the Council and the TMO to act fairly and respectfully towards them.

However, I suspect that my involvement is becoming detrimental to your residents' best interests. Everything that I do attracts abuse on a number of websites and blogs that are widely read at the Council and the TMO. This says to them that residents have no confidence in me - and this is not helpful to your cause. Indeed, even my presence at meetings seems to provoke and detract from what we are trying to achieve, which is justice for the people of Grenfell Tower.

I appreciate that both you and Shah have been very gracious in your responses to my attempts to help, but I believe that Grenfell Tower will be better assisted now if I either pass this work on to one of my ward colleagues or find out whether the Council or the TMO will commission some independent advocacy for you and your colleagues. Can you please let me know how you would like to proceed?

I think it would also be helpful if one or more of the Grenfell Tower residents who have lost out from the power surges seeks advice, either from the Citizens' Advice Bureau or some other form of legal guidance. My colleagues and I are not competent to offer that sort of advice and it may well produce some positive suggestions.

Finally, I don't think you should send your e-mails to such a wide audience. Those whom you wish to influence find this irritating and makes them less well-disposed towards you. One Conservative councillor has told me of his annoyance at continually receiving e-mails on matters that do not affect his own ward. Can I respectfully suggest that in future you copy your e-mails to the Notting Barns ward councillors, my colleague Cllr. Dent Coad (who is likely take over from me as Leader of the Labour Group next year and is our *de facto* housing spokesperson), Cllr. Paget-Brown the Leader of the Council, Cllr. Feilding-Mellen the Cabinet member for Housing and Property, Ms. Johnson the Director of Housing and Messrs. Black and Maddison of the TMO? If you wish to involve the local press, I think it might be better if you just send Ms. Horrox blind copies of the correspondence.

I hope you don't find this response too negative, but I do feel that my continued involvement is beginning to be harmful rather than helpful.

Kind regards.

Judith

From: Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association <grenfelleaseholdersassociation@hotmail.co.uk>

To: J BLAKEMAN

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Sent: Monday, 26 August 2013, 22:33

Subject: RE: Window dressing of GTRP not replacement of Window and faulty heating and hot water system

Dear Cllr. Judith Blakeman,

Thank you very much for the notes in relation to the TMO's second part of the residents meeting. It seems according to you the meeting had two parts. But let us inform you that any meeting took place on the 14th August, residents were not informed of and to our knowledge was not pre-arranged. It was very sudden and unusual to stop residents as they are coming in and out of the building.

Now you have heard the facts as to what really happened in relation to the power surges that affected so many of us. As our local ward Councillor, we request you to pursue it vigorously and give back the dignity to the residents of Grenfell Tower, since as you say; it has repercussions in the longer run.

We wait to hear from you.

Best Wishes

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The Vice chairman

The Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association