

Minutes - Mill Farm Close Estate Forum Meeting

Tuesday 14th February 2012

Estate Forum representatives in attendance:

Dave Perring, Darrel Alexander, Michael Gant, Mrs Dave, Jackie Fineman, Alison Matiku, Sophie Alderson, Janet Dring x2, Shireeine Burrowes,

Advisors:

Elaine Slowe – Harrow Council

Catalyst Housing Group:

Murray Crawford, Daniel Thwaites.

PTEa

Higgins Construction:

Dave Dorrington

Apologies:

Kerry Starling, Les Warren.

	Action
<p>1. Matters arising from meeting of 10 January 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DD briefed the group on the updated schedule.• MC informed the group that there have been delays and problems with the sub contractors but Higgins have issued a new schedule and they are confident that this will not change.• MC informed the group that LW will be writing to everybody within 2 weeks with their updated date and rent amount.• MC stated that we now have the rents from Harrow Council.• MC stated that the original February dates have moved back to April but the other dates should be very similar to what they were originally.• DD confirmed that handover dates will be April, May, June and September.• DD confirmed that two subcontractors went bust (tiling and carpenter).• DD also confirmed that the original dates were not achievable and this was not discovered until recently.• MC confirmed that if residents have been inconvenienced by the delay, Catalyst will give them extra support and help with the moving process.• MC apologised to the group for the lack of communication and information.• MC suggested that residents who work may be given a priority moving date.• MC confirmed that LW will write to everyone 2 weeks before their moving date and LW will be at his weekly surgery every Monday if residents have any further queries.• MC confirmed that LW has written a leaflet to everyone asking about their connection needs.• MC confirmed that handovers will be on a Tuesday and keys will be given at this point. The tenancy will start the following Monday.	LW

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC confirmed that residents will receive their homeless payment within 2 weeks of moving in. SB asked about the homeless payments. She wanted to know if it could be in the form of a bank transfer instead of a cheque. DT and MC are going to look into his. • MC confirmed that LW will set up mail re-direction. 	DT/MC
<p>2. Update on design and Construction Issues</p> <p>Design.</p> <p>Construction.</p> <p>DD informed the meeting that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchens are being installed in the blocks and painting has commenced. • Carpentry, flooring and plumbing are also going to be commencing soon. • Plastering is taking place within the bungalow and this property will be ready on the 10/04/12. • DD confirmed that new blocks will have communal dishes for TV/radio. 	
<p>3. Housing Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC confirmed that LW will be arranging viewings 3 weeks before moving date. No children under 16 can attend and only 2 adults. • LW will arrange removal dates and arrange for a removal company to help residents move. • Les will also co-ordinate a half day handy man for residents. 	
<p>4. Community Development and Training Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC confirmed that KS will be attending the next meeting. • DD confirmed that Higgins is reviewing all of the apprentices and they are likely to be renewed. • DD confirmed that details of the Easter egg hunt will be coming out soon as well as information on “grow grow grow”. 	
<p>5. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident asked about downsizing from a 3 bedroom to a 2 bedroom. She asked whether her rent will be less. MC confirmed that LW will write to everyone with their new rent amount. • Mrs Dave asked about the walkway. DD confirmed that Higgins has received approval for the materials and it should be open in about a month. • MC informed the group that there is going to be an event on the 18th or 20th of April and the local councillors will be attending. There will be more information on this shortly. • SA asked about Gas and Electricity in the new properties. DD confirmed that that the Gas and Electric will be with British Gas. Residents can choose their 	

<p>own supplier as soon as they move in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DP asked about black cabling that was being rolled up by his block. DD confirmed that it was a connection to a transformer.	
<p>6. Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 13th March 2012, 6.00pm Higgins Construction site compound.	