

Minutes - Mill Farm Close Estate Forum Meeting

Tuesday 12th July 2011 Estate Forum representatives in attendance:

Present

Dave Perring, Jackie Fineman, Jaline Francis, Lita Creswell, Ravi Panara

Advisors:

Elaine Slowe – Harrow Council

Catalyst Housing Group:

Anna Vachou, Murray Crawford, Kerry Starling, Jomel Allen

PTEa

Judith Marshall

Higgins Construction:

Dave Dorrington, Colin Chandler

Apologise

Les Warren

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<p>1. Matters arising from meeting of 10th May 2011</p> <p>JF advised Roger Heyes that contractors have been unable to resolve issues on the first visit when attending for a repair; contractors appeared to visit 3-4 times before a repair is resolved. There was a discussion around CCHA providing a good repairs service. Jackie to ring Roger Heyes direct should further issues arise.</p>	JF
<p>2. Update on design and Construction</p> <p>DD gave update on construction – Construction now approaching first floor, block F is now above first floor. Bungalow at the front of the estate will be complete by Christmas.</p> <p>Crane to be on site mid July, crane will fold down at night, there will be additional hoarding in place around the crane. Cameras to be installed, these cameras will also monitor cars on the estate, images from will link into Mill Farm website.</p> <p>All road works to complete by the end of July this should create further parking on the estate. Meeting to be held with residents in Miller Close in autumn re further parking</p>	DD DD

<p>3. Design Update:</p> <p>Judith Marshall showed the forum the plans for the new play area, planner are pleased with plans. CHG maintenance and Catalyst by design have looked at the plans and costs have been given.</p> <p>Children from the estate have seen the plans and have suggested that they prefer to have a separate tarmac area rather than a grassed area throughout, so that they can play a variety of games.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>MC</p>
<p>4. Housing Update</p> <p>AV advised that any empty properties will now be boarded up to ensure that no one can access these properties; exemption from council tax has been sought.</p> <p>Drug and alcohol drop in has commenced, this is independent of CCHA. Some residents will engage with service.</p> <p>It was suggested that at the end of the summer another skip day is introduced on estate.</p>	
<p>5. Community Development and Training Update</p> <p>Training: ESOL classes – Currently there has not been enough interest from residents to arrange the course, leaflets to be left in surgery to generate further interest.</p> <p>On-site vacancies: 7 New trainees appointed on site includes, brick layer, Admin, Carpenter, ground worker</p> <p>There is 80k left in training budget – Forum agreed that money can be spent on creation of a post for community development, the appointed person will work will not always be based at Mill Farm. Kerry to update forum in Oct 2011</p> <p>Computer project keys : - Should residents wish to purchase the keys themselves the association will reimburse residents by cheque, proof of purchase needed.</p> <p>Forum were asked what estate activities they would like to see over the summer:-</p> <p>It was suggested that a group of residents should visit another way forward project and see if children from the estate would be interested in this- Michelle to contact parents</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>KS</p>

<p>with children between the ages of 11-15yrs</p> <p>Community Garden:- The forum agreed that it would be a nice idea for children to work with facilitators to plant and grow items on the estate</p> <p>Coach trip to the seaside to be arranged for sat 13th Aug 2011- Anne Marie to gage interest for the estate.</p> <p>All agreed that a treasure hunt day to be arranged – this would be a big success with the children from the estate.</p>	<p>DD</p> <p>DD</p> <p>DD</p>
<p>6. AOB</p> <p>AGM now due – to be arrange for September 2011</p> <p>Les back 18th July 2011</p> <p>Sign to be put up around the site stating building sites are dangerous</p>	<p>DD</p>
<p>6. Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 09th Aug 2011, 6.00pm at Higgins Site meeting room.</p>	