

The Southwick Estate – Resident Working Group

MINUTES

Subject: Resident Working Group, Meeting 5

Venue: Southwick Community Centre

Date: 2nd February 2022

Present:

Jeanette Kenyon (JK) - Adur Council, Meeting Chair
Jake Lock (JL) – Adur Council
Neil Erridge (NE) – Adur Council
Christine Searle (CS) – Independent Resident Advisor, New Mill
Gemma Gallant (GG) – Southwick Estate Resident Liaison Team
Imogen Spencer-Dale (ISD) - Southwick Estate Resident Liaison Team

Marilyn Foster (MF)
Paul Hillier (PH)
Sharon Hiller (SH)
Jordan Dearing (JD)
Cllr Carol O’Neal (CO)
Leanne Crump (LC)
Emma Colfer (EC)
Dave Donaldson (DD)
Leah Sawyer (LS)
Dave Jenner (DJ)

Item	Comments	Action Assigned To
1	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	
1.1	JK led introductions.	
2	MAINTENANCE UPDATE	
2.1	NE is now responsible for maintenance and will be inspecting the estate every week, and keeping charts and trackers updated to monitor progress.	
2.2	JL explained that letters have been issued to leaseholders about the delayed replacement fire doors, JL apologised as the letter did not reference the consultation. Questions about the fire door should be directed to: southwickestaterepairs@adur-worthing.gov.uk .	
2.3	DJ described issues with the fire door, and the impact of delays to repairs, stating he had had to pay for a garage fix cable replacement. NE is working to prevent delays in the future with the new progress tracking system. DJ asked about parking issues in Butts Road, NE advised fences will be installed and cars will be ticketed.	
2.4	PH asked why ladders and netting remain in place around the estate, NE to investigate and update the group.	NE
3	INDEPENDENT TENANT ADVISOR	
3.1	JK introduced CS, CS will provide impartial advice and support to residents. The service is funded by the council, though CS is fully independent. New Mill is highly recommended, DD added that they stood head and shoulders above the other candidates.	

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3.2	<p>CS explained she is a Housing Association tenant and has been through this consultation process, her colleague Rob Lantsbury is the leaseholder expert, and their company has been running for 15 years. Residents can contact them at any time for any reason.</p> <p><i>Contact details added post-meeting:</i></p> <p>Rob Lantsbury 07961 532761 rob.lantsbury@newmillconsultants.com</p> <p>Christine Searle 07764421981 christine.searle@newmillconsultants.com</p>	
4	RESIDENT SURVEY	
4.1	<p>ISD presented the survey results so far, CS and GG asked the group to share the survey with neighbours. DD suggested a door knocking session.</p>	
5	NEXT STEPS	
5.1	<p>GG explained the newsletter and council commitment documents are in progress and will be shared with the group. The independent Tenant Advisor contact details will be included for all residents.</p> <p>The boards for the next event will be shared with the group ahead of April's meeting.</p>	
5.2	<p>JK advised the stock condition survey is now complete, and they are awaiting the report.</p>	
6	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
6.1	<p>EC asked why the timeframe was longer than the spring/summer as originally mentioned. JK said that there will be options to discuss at that stage but there will not be a firm decision.</p>	
6.2	<p>LS asked how long it will be from a decision to action, JL to investigate timelines once the stock condition survey has been issued.</p>	JL
6.3	<p>DJ expressed concern that the council is not aware of the issues. GG reassured DJ that this group is working hard to raise awareness across the entire council. DJ asked if the estate would become a Housing Association property if it were demolished and rebuilt, JK said that would be up to residents.</p>	
6.4	<p>LS asked what would happen if the plan were costed up and is unaffordable. JK explained there are lots of options available, ranging from obtaining additional funding sources to breaking down the improvements into sections.</p>	
6.5	<p>GG suggested the designer should attend a meeting to present draft plans.</p>	
6.6	<p>DD asked if repairs are being delayed due to the consultation, NE said that will not be the case going forward and reiterated he will be doing weekly checks on-site and is happy to stay in contact with the group.</p> <p><i>Contact details added post-meeting:</i></p>	

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	<i>neil.erridge@adur-worthing.gov.uk</i>	
6.7	LS felt she did not have much more knowledge than before, and just wants a decision; the group agreed they wanted more information as to what is going on behind the scenes. JL said there can be no decision until due process is complete, such as traffic consultations and surveys, but JL and JK will provide more details on this process at future meetings. GG suggested creating a more detailed timeline.	JL/JK
6.8	CO asked how to get more residents involved, JL suggested using the newsletter to raise awareness.	ISD/GG
6.9	CS asked if there were plans to involve younger residents, JK confirmed there are plans to engage with schools.	
6.10	The group discussed the possibility of a Queen's Jubilee celebration, GG asked residents to get in touch if they want to help organise an event.	All
7	CLOSE	
7.1	JK thanked the group for coming. The next meeting will be on 2.3.22.	