

**Vartry Community Residents' Association**  
**General Meeting**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

Minutes

**Guests:**

Andrew Topp, (London Wildlife Trust), Cllr Dhiren Basu (Haringey Councillor, Seven Sisters), Charles Mugenyi (Pastor, Woodberry Down Baptist Church)

**Residents:**

ES, GW, AN, NW, HG, AS, AR, AT, DB, JM, AM, RH, CM, LB, JH,

**Committee:**

CC, MR, HF, JF, DC, DB, RS

**AGENDA**

**1. Introductions:**

Residents and attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising:**

Minutes of last meeting were agreed. Matters Arising were:

Dumping; Plea to flag up dumping incidents via the council website, or the contact phone number published on vartry.org as frequently as possible.

Library use; Appeal to use St Anns Library frequently in order to avoid cuts affecting it.

Regular contact with SNT; JF to pursue more regular contact with SNT Big Lunch; DB reported back on the June event; for next year earlier notice is desirable and generally people agreed that they liked the idea with the upcoming diamond jubilee funding might be obtained for a street party.

Plea for involvement of council tenants; JF said that we would like more tenants involved in the RA and committee, KA was not in attendance and JF to make contact.

Reports of prostitution problem on Franklin Street and Berkley Road.

**3. Association Status & Funding:**

JF updated regarding the Homes for Haringey push for merger with the Frederick Messer Estate RA and the funding dilemma arising. The committee believe that the Estate should have independent representation. DB pointed out that no other Estate in Haringey has a similar relationship with its neighbourhood. ES said Franklin Street is part of the Frederick Messer Estate and complained about the moving of the fence at the top of Franklin – residents should have been consulted. DB pointed out improvements in fighting vice in the area and took contact of local resident affected in Franklin Street. He will make enquiries.

Funding effects were discussed. The question of covering costs was brought up, and HFH role was discussed; whether their withdrawal of funding was to push for merger. DB stated many Ras fundraise effectively.

#### **4. Free Window box Project**

AT presented regarding the upcoming event in Woodberry Down Church aimed at attracting wildlife to the area. This is due to take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, volunteers to set up at 10am. Following SNT recommendation to use window-boxes as crime prevention measures, local residents' calls for more attractive streets, and partnership with LWT, this event will allow local people to plant up a free window box with bulbs and wild flower seeds.

General support for this scheme.

Flyering – AT to print 1000 flyers, with partnership logos and information. ES volunteered to flyer Franklin St, then NW volunteered to flyer Richmond.

Activities – different activities for the event were discussed; Cake stall; Tombola. Ideas included asking for prizes at local supermarkets, approaching the council for local swimming vouchers, and asking local shops for their support. Residents also pledged Tombola contributions and a list was passed around.

#### **5. Sourdough Starter**

DC introduced the idea to share sourdough starter in the local community, through the website or via the web forum.

#### **6. Residents' Issues**

CM Suggested in response to the debate about vice in the area, to have a dedicated meeting in December and invite councillors and SNT. CM issued reminder to not get carried away and remember that the women are also victims. HF suggested this was a Neighbourhood Watch group issue. JF suggested Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of December for the meeting, to be flyered the week before.

#### **7. AOB**

The next meeting has been set for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2012 and this meeting will be the AGM.