

**NOTES OF 30th CANNING TOWN RESIDENTS' STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY ON 16.2.23 at 6pm**

AGENDA

	Item:	Item Lead:
1.	Welcome and introductions, last meeting's minutes	Sarah-Jane
2.	Design update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent St planning application • Site visit 	Athina Ricardo
3.	Engagement update	Algina
4.	Newman Francis update	Kamahl
5.	Any other business	All

Present:

Residents:

Ibironke
Judith (group Chair)
Sheila
Mumin
Sunil
Ameerah

NewmanFrancis:

Sarah-Jane Day - Canning Town
project manager (Chaired)
Kamahl Ahmet - Project Worker (Co-
chair)

Notes (from recording) - Clare
Maybury

London Borough of Newham:

Algina Kamara - Resident Involvement
Manager

Design Team (Jestico & Wyles)

Athina Stylianidi – architect
Ricardo Bobisse - Co-Design process
Shade Abdul - Deft Space Director and
Community Engagement Lead

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1. Sarah-Jane welcomed everyone to the meeting and each introduced themselves. Sunil was welcomed to his first meeting.

1.2. Sarah-Jane apologised that the minutes had not been sent out in advance and they were shared on-screen and actions updated:-

1.2.1. *Minute 2.2:* Algina had been unable to speak with a council refurbishment team member for an update.

Action: carried forward to next meeting

1.2.2. *Minute 3.10:* The 2-year plan was still being reviewed, to include information from the Design team and Newman-Francis.

Action: carried forward to next meeting

- 1.2.3. *Minute 4.5:* Algina had discussed with Demi varying coffee afternoon times to suit more residents. From April some workshops and events would be held at the library and offered online.
- 1.2.4. *Minute 4.11:* Artwork designs had been shared by Faraz but not received by all
Action: Kamahl to forward designs to steering group members
- 1.2.5. *Minute 4.11:* Steering Group members were on the CT editorial panel and places were still open for more
- 1.2.6. *Minute 4.11*
Action: Algina to contact Judith about the newsletter and to discuss an Estate Services sub-group with Faraz.
- 1.2.7. *Minute 4.11:* Mark had been investigating whether Ferrier Point was suitable and available for use as a hub.
- 1.2.8. *Minute 5.2:* Discussions were ongoing about steering group members doing more in-person work.
- 1.2.9. *Minute 6.2:* Follow-up on leaseholder communications:
Action was carried forward (Sarah-Jane)

2 Design update

2.1 Vincent St Planning Application

- 2.1.1 The application had been passed to the next stage, and latest designs were shared.
- 2.1.2 A contractor was due to be appointed. Residents had been involved in interviews.
- 2.1.3 Designs of the estate were shared. There had been no changes since last shared with the group. All were available on the Planning portal but not yet on Co-Create.
- 2.1.4 Athina confirmed construction was on track to start April, as required by the funding.
- 2.1.5 Following some public confusion at the landlord offer sessions between the Vincent St project and the Masterplan, further work would be done to clarify things.
- 2.1.6 Challenged by a resident that the balconies were too shallow, the Design team explained they were at the standard building regulation height of 1150cm from floor level, standards based on research with safety built in. For visibility / light, balconies would be clear above 800cm. This was still open to discussion at the workshops.

2.2 Site Visit

- 2.1.1 A date was agreed for **16 March at 14:00 to visit a newly-completed small council development at Malmesbury Terrace**, to get an idea of finishing and hear

residents' views. This initial visit by a small group could then be opened to the wider public for a second visit. Residents to meet at the library at 14:00.

Action: Sarah-Jane to send a poll to steering group members and let Design team know numbers for site visit to Malmesbury Terrace.

- 2.1.2 Numbers had again been low for the Co-Production workshop, with feedback gathered about open spaces and play facilities. Residents were concerned about safety, maintenance and sustainability.
- 2.1.3 To increase numbers, the team intended to report back on progress made so far, get feedback from residents, and find out what people would like to happen next.
- 2.1.4 The team took on board a suggestion that workshops should be signposted at the time from outside the building, to attract passers-by to attend. It was also noted that events taking place in the library attracted more participants.

3 Engagement

3.1 **Community Initiative Project** progress to date was reported, including:

- 3.1.1 For the *Improving Green Spaces* element, a meeting had taken place with commissioned group Groundworks, who would start work in March with a consultation to identify potential improvements and sites.
- 3.1.2 The *Art project* benefitting the underpass had started well but met some obstacles. This was now being re-focused, having identified a co-operative internal team at TfL

3.2 **Events** planned for the rest of February were shared on-screen, to include:

- 3.2.1 A Temporary Accommodation workshop. In response to concerns about the timing, Algina explained this would be repeated to enable different people to attend, including parents who could not attend in the evening. Online access could also be provided
- 3.2.2 A coffee afternoon
- 3.2.3 A Community Funday on 25 February, at which the FAQs booklet would be available, including the landlord and housing offer.

3.3 Maeve's former post of **Senior Regeneration Manager** had been filled by Tim Choudhuri, who would attend the next meeting.

3.4 **Canning Town Times** publication was on hold while workshops were the focus, and work on the paper would re-start shortly. Those interested in being on the review panel for content written so far should contact Algina.

- 3.5 A resident raised the issue of **garages in front of the Bothwell Rd** site, which were a problem area for mice and drugs. Could gates be put up to make the area inaccessible? Algina reported she had spoken to estate services manager Faraz about this. **Waterproofing works** and **door design choices** were also raised.

Action: **Algina to set up a meeting with herself, Faraz and Sunil concerning the Bothwell Rd garages, and to facilitate communication with residents and Faraz about the other issues.** (See also action at 1.2.6)

4 **Newman Francis update**

- 4.1 The team had continued outreach and delivered the newsletter. Feedback and questions would be welcome
- 4.2 A Coffee afternoon had taken place at Canning Town Library
- 4.3 Landlord offer workshops had been attended by the team
- 4.4 New members were still being recruited for the steering group. Anyone interested should contact Kamahl or Sarah-Jane.SG

5 **Other business**

- 5.1 A resident raised concerns about a **fire hazard** caused by lack of maintenance of railings around refurbished entrance-ways, with weeds growing and trapping litter.
- 5.2 A **lunch meeting at St Luke's** would be held by the Design team to help access different faith communities in the area.

Action: **Sarah-Jane to update the next meeting on the St Luke's lunch**

All were thanked and the meeting closed at 19:18