

**NOTES OF 29th CANNING TOWN RESIDENTS' STEERING GROUP MEETING  
HELD VIRTUALLY ON 19.1.23 at 6pm**

**AGENDA**

	<b>Item:</b>	<b>Item Lead:</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and introductions, last meeting's minutes</b>	Howard Mendick
2.	<b>Refurbishment programme update</b>	Algina Kamara
3.	<b>Design update</b>	Ricardo Bobisse, Shade Abdul
6.	<b>Engagement update ,including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Replacement for Maeve Dowling</b></li> <li>• <b>Community Initiatives</b></li> <li>• <b>Ballot</b></li> <li>• <b>Canning Town Times</b></li> <li>• <b>Review of the past year</b></li> </ul>	Algina Kamara
7.	<b>Newman Francis update</b>	Kamahl Ahmet
8.	<b>Any other business</b>	All

**Present:**

**Residents:**

Edward R  
Fawsia E  
Ibironke O  
Judith (group Chair)  
Sheila  
Mustaf  
Faye

**NewmanFrancis:**

Howard Mendick (Chaired meeting)  
Kamahl Ahmet - Project Worker  
Sarah-Jane Day - Canning Town project manager

**London Borough of Newham:**

Algina Kamara - Resident Involvement Manager  
Faraz Kayani - [Estate Services Manager

**Design Team (Jestico & Wyles)**

Ricardo Bobisse - Community Engagement  
Shade Abdul - Deft Space Director and Community Engagement Lead

**Notes** (from recording) - Clare Maybury

**1. Welcome and introductions**

1.1. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting, wished them a happy new year and thanked the N-F team for doing outreach in the very cold weather. Introductions were made, including to new appointee Sarah-Jane from Newman-Francis. Congratulations were sent to Lauren (Design Team) on the birth of her baby. Howard apologised for the late circulation of the agenda

**2. Refurbishment**

2.1. No report had been received from the council

- 2.2. There was a proposal from Judith to set up a sub-group of the residents' group to meet regularly with the refurbishment team, to include Faraz and with estate management as part of the discussion.

**ACTION:** **Algina** to re-request council refurbishment update and report to the next meeting

### 3. Design Update

- 3.1. Ricardo explained the project was at the end of stage 4, working towards the ballot.
- 3.2. A **design workshop** would be held on the coming Saturday at 14:00 at the library to progress plans, with residents' feedback incorporated. Ricardo explained what would take place, including a marked-up floor-plan and virtual reality on phones to bring plans to life.
- 3.3. **Car-parking** would be one of the considerations, with the aim to balance needs with environmental considerations. Further discussion would take place in the next month.
- 3.4. Shade had been **working with schools** to begin a programme of activities with young people from February. **Faith group engagement** was making slower progress and would be followed up. **Outreach** had taken place to hand out publicity leaflets by the church and Morrisons, as well as door to door with Newman-Francis. There was still some level of unawareness about the programme and plans.
- 3.5. There continued to be discussion about a **community club**, but this would rely on residents to take a lead.
- 3.6. Two **Co-Design workshops** had taken place, with some very useful feedback.
- 3.7. A **site visit** would be organised with residents for February to visit developments in Newham and Greenwich, initially with the group and then potentially offered more widely
- 3.8. **Residents fed back** on the activities to date, and noted:
- 3.8.1. Presence on the estate was crucial and effective in reaching out to all, and the last locations had been effective
  - 3.8.2. The team were thanked for all their work so far
  - 3.8.3. Residents had attended and had given their input
  - 3.8.4. There was some lack of clarity about the type of building that would be constructed
  - 3.8.5. The sense of lack of a community, as a result of movements away from and into the area, was a real barrier to engagement, but working with schools would be very important as those children would be living in the area in future. Further work was needed to find out more about the status of residents – how many were secure, how many not - as this would affect engagement levels.
- 3.9. The **timeline for the year** was updated:
- 3.9.1. Last winter the Vincent St planning application had been submitted, with the outcome due in the spring. This would all be social housing
  - 3.9.2. The Design team would continue to progress the masterplan for summer readiness
  - 3.9.3. The council would be working to finalise the landlord offer ready for the ballot by spring / summer this year (to be confirmed once they felt there was enough support)
  - 3.9.4. The regeneration team would then apply for planning permission for the masterplan

3.10. **ACTION**            **Algina** to share the plan for the year with members of the steering group

**4. Engagement update**

4.1. Algina explained **Maeve's replacement** was still under discussion. She shared a presentation showing activities to date.

4.2. **Heating issues** had prevented sessions being held at the Hub during January.

4.3. All being well, the **landlord offer** sessions would be held on 8,15,22 Feb with a **co-design workshop** on 25 Feb and **coffee afternoon** on 30 Jan

4.4. Engagement surgeries, drop-ins, coffee afternoons and further co-design workshops would take place in **March**

4.5. **ACTION:**            **Algina** to discuss with Demi varying the times of coffee afternoons and workshops to suit more residents' needs. Attending online should also be an option

**4.6. Community Initiatives projects** (arts, gardening, business start-up)

4.6.1. Faraz updated on the **arts project**, informing members that **Pedestrian subway improvements** would not now happen due to issues with TFL This priority would now be changed to the community hub at Trinity Centre. In discussion, members added:

4.6.1.1. improvements to the building would have a positive impact on the regeneration process;

4.6.1.2. Improvements would need to include alternatives for access to the community hub for those in the north;

4.6.1.3. Years ago the council had considered and been unable to find a solution to residents' connection across the motorway, and this issue still needed to be addressed;

4.6.1.4. Ricardo assured members that this was still part of the masterplan and that the issues were definitely recognised. Compliance with accessibility was as important as cost and all options were still on the table;

4.6.1.5. Faraz re-iterated the artwork remit that had been given for the subway project (for example no faces, no words, family friendly) and asked whether the same should apply to the Trinity Centre project.

4.6.2. **Gardening project:** the council were in discussions with Groundwork to progress ideas. They were known locally having done a number of community projects in the borough and nearby.

4.6.3. **Business support:** An existing business support team would be expanded, with a launch session to include Canning Town projects

4.7. The steering group **procurement working party** had met to put together questions for contractors due to bid for the Vincent St contract on 6 February, and would participate in the selection. Those involved were thanked.

4.8. **Canning Town Times** would be published as a four-page newsletter.

4.9. The group noted and welcomed the opening of a new **Housing Hub one-stop shop** at Ferrier Point. This should help solve a lot of residents' current housing issues

4.10. Algina and team had been working with [Future of London](#), a housing and development organisation, to feature the work in Canning Town in their forthcoming report. They requested further information from residents about experiences in co-production. In terms of involvement, and using the 'Ladder of Participation' used in initial resident training, members now said they felt they were on the 'consultation', 'partnership' and even 'delegated power' rungs of the ladder (examples: pushing for and achieving some larger properties on the Vincent St estate, partnership work and some influence with the council over issues such as open-access buildings and security,)

4.11. **ACTIONS:** **Faraz** to send round designs again and residents to feedback thoughts within a week  
**Steering Group members** to consider being included on the Canning Town Times editorial panel  
**Judith and Algina** to discuss the tone and type of newsletter, as part of an appropriate communications strategy for Canning Town  
**Algina** to enquire as to the possibility of using Ferrier Point housing hub as the regeneration hub in preference to the Trinity Centre

## 5 Newman Francis update

5.1 N-F would continue coffee mornings/afternoons; the newsletter; support for the procurement process; fortnightly outreach on site and via text messages; attendance at all events, and the phone service to answer residents questions and concerns.

5.2 **ACTION:** **all** to consider whether N-F should focus on more in-person work this year, as well as varying times and opening meetings to involve more people from the area, as part of bringing in new members to the group

## 6 Any Other Business

6.1 **Regeneration:** Faraz noted that **internal surveys** would be taking place on the estate from Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> to 23 January to gather data for the regeneration process. This would include empty and occupied premises

6.2 **ACTION:** **Howard** to follow up on inaccurate communication to leaseholders following the council's agreement to replace their doors and windows at no charge, and to contact Edward and others to update them

6.3 Residents raised the issue that '**reward and recognition**' for attendance should be re-named 'reimbursement' to more fairly recognise costs incurred in involvement

6.4 Howard to hand over **Chairing of meetings** to Sarah-Jane from now on. Howard would still be working with the group and the programme.

The meeting ended at 7pm