

## Bentley House Estate Tenants and Residents Association (TARA)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

TARA office 26a Humberstone Avenue

The TARA Committee meets every first Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30pm (agenda business only) and from 7.30 to 8.30pm (agenda and raise your issues). The meeting is open to all estate residents. If you wish to join the committee please first attend an open meeting. Meetings are held in the estate office at 26a Humberstone Avenue.

TARA is a **resident-led** initiative intended to enable better representation of tenants and residents across Bentley House Estate. It is a **100% voluntary** commitment on behalf of committee members, who receive no payment for their time spent on TARA activities. TARA exists for the benefit of the whole of the Redbricks community, and is always open to new members, ideas and suggestions, so **Please Get Involved!!!** [tara@redbricks.org](mailto:tara@redbricks.org)

**TARA committee present:** Lucy (Chair), Jenny (Treasurer/minutes), Kel, (Secretary: Digital Communications) Ginette, Alan, Mike, Barry (7.30pm) & James Vandeventer (MMU)

### Agenda

1. **AGM minutes feedback & actions**
2. **Supporting a resident**
3. **Walk-about feedback**
4. **Upcoming meetings & events**

### Minutes

#### **1. AGM minutes feedback & actions**

CCTV not having any effects on drug dealing and taking. Ginnel in Humberstone = anti-social behaviour which is impacting on neighbours. Much more dealing now from cars, residents report to police, police knew of real camera on balcony but evidence not used. Community Policing needed. Obvious dealing on Clarendon near phone box.

**Action: Jenny to ask Barry Seers to invite Patricia Law, Head of Community Safety Team to next quarterly meeting in June**

**Complaint procedure:** pointers to this could go in new resident information pack.

**Skip Day:** on walkabout Lucy pushed for this to happen in June 2018.

**Action: Raise in quarterly meeting in June**

#### **Gas safety**

**Action: Lucy to ask Craig for Gas check contact.**

#### **Bike shed storage**

**Action: Ginette to speak to Rockdove resident about the possible one there.**

**Humberstone pram room chemicals storage:** June 2017 meeting minutes "Kirk said there are no plans to take over any pram rooms"; they're saying it's a storage room.

**Bin sheds:** 234-238 Clarendon bin shed doesn't lock. Few door handles on Hunmanby have been bent recently.

**Action: Ginette to check all binshed doors and take notes of what's working and not.**

**Hunmanby ginnel empty storage:** chemical storage possibly?

**Action: to ask at June quarterly meeting**

**Hunmanby bike cage:** Jim Breen will look at noise dampening options.

**Action: Request litter picking claws**

**Bins:** Lucy W working on this: Manchester City Council issue

**Action: Ginette to ask Steve (Caretaker at the new Leaf Street development) re their metal bins and who collects the rubbish.**

**Mural link person:** Bentley Exchange walk-through? Proper consultation needed with visuals.

**Action: Kel to contact Adam for info about Cities of Hope.**

**Barry's ongoing bathroom saga**

**Action: Raise problems at June quarterly meeting.**

**Carbon Coop**

**Action: Lucy C to contact re sustainability money to spend (£1147)**

**RIC training** on computers in TARA office

**Action: Kel to contact Debbie for training for TARA residents**

**Shout:** [redbricks@googlegroups.com](mailto:redbricks@googlegroups.com) needs new administrator as new residents struggling to join...

**Action: Kel to chase up Isabelle (shout admin person)**

**Old Abbey Taphouse** letter of support: Lucy C has done this.

**Hulme Community Steering Group:** Craig sent contact details but TARA will wait for updates from RdR as we're busy with other stuff.

**GMP event 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Action: Alan to attend and feedback about where the community wants the money.**

**Paths and entrances**

**Action: to raise a quarterly June meeting**

**Rats issues:** situation is worsening, especially noticed mid-Hunmanby within one block at least.

**Action: Barry to send shout out to collect information; Kel to put info on Facebook group**

**Action: to raise at quarterly June meeting (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm @ Lovell House)**

## **2. Supporting a resident**

Confidential discussion removed from publicly distributed minutes.

**Actions:**

**Barry and Ginette to lead on informal support with formal mediators.**

**Barry to contact resident**

**Ginette to contact One Mcr**

### 3. Walk-about feedback

Lucy C fed back about the two walkabouts recently: quality control & green spaces.

#### Quality Control

Kitchen halogen bulbs will be replaced by LEDs so would need new transformers.

**Action: Alan to raise at June quarterly.**

**Action: Chase up Barry Seers re electronic copies of updated quality control spreadsheet.**

#### Green spaces

Surveyor attended green spaces one and suggested residents could clear out their binshed gutters! Fences continue to be a divisive issue; with many rotting and doors hanging off but One Mcr with no budget to fix. Leaseholder '5 year plan' had fencing fixing on there, so means it's a possibility... Lucy W has realised there is Himalayan Balsam in the Mancunian Way-end 2 x piles of woodchip which is illegal to spread as it's an invasive weed. Possibly Andy @ Tree Link accidentally delivered it.

Would the Parkour group be interested in further gardening days, like they did last year?

**Action: Lucy W to chase up the person who delivered it and get One Mcr to help**

**Action: Raise issues of fences again in June quarterly.**

**Action: Bank Holiday Monday 6pm meet at broken bench on Leaf Street to help clear up sprouting Himalayan Balsam. (Addendum: this didn't need to happen as Lucy W has already cleared most of it)**

### 4. Upcoming meetings and events

- Creation of *Maggie's Meadow* sign for Letsbe Avenue, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2pm onwards in TARA office
- Celebration in memory of Maggie & ash scattering in *Maggie's Meadow* on Letsbe Avenue & TARA office, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2pm
- 'Guide to the estate' brainstorming & social: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7pm-9pm, TARA office
- Next TARA meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm, TARA office
- Next quarterly meeting with TARA & One Manchester: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm @ Lovell House (just before Asda)

**End of meeting**