Woolwich Estates Regeneration Morris Walk & Maryon Road/Grove - Residents Project Team 30.09.15

Elected Committee for the Group:

Shaz Koria - chair

Councillors Present

Cllr John Fahy

Officers Present:

Carmel Dillon – Programme Manager Deborah Dack – Delivery Manager Paul Munim – Delivery Manager

Apologies:

Cllr Barbara Barwick Shaz Koria - Chair

I. Notes from the last meeting	
Ran through the notes with attendees.	
2. Re-housing Update	
 DD briefed that currently on Morris Walk Phase I they were coming towards the end of the decant. 	
 DD advised that NOSP's were being served on all those tenants still remaining in Phase I (32 in total) and that RBG would be applying to court in the New Year. 	
 On Phase 2 - Harden Court & Tivoli Gardens there are 196 properties, of which 37 are already vacant. 	
 Meetings were held in May to explain to Phase 2 tenants what the re-housing process is, followed by individual interviews. At the point the majority of residents have registered for re-housing, the Band A/top priority would be given to tenants. The time it would take to re-house households would depend on the accommodation available on Homesearch, for which tenants wanted to bid for. All voids across both estates are given to Asra. 	
3. Leaseholders - Update	



- There were 26 leaseholders Phase I, of which 7 have been bought back & 9 are 'under-offer'.
- RBG has started the process to apply for a Compulsory Purchase Order for the Morris Walk/Maryon Road/Grove Estate. This will be used where the buying back of leasehold units cannot be agreed through negotiation

4. Works to the Estates

- DD confirmed that money had been identified for investment to the estate this
 would not be for major works. When there is a programme put together it
 would be brought to the meeting. See attached which was presented to the
 residents meeting on 27th May 2015.
- General Walkabouts -take place by RBG staff and report back to Woolwich Estates meetings. Generally it was thought that the estate looked a lot cleaner and brighter.
- Emergency Lighting to be fitted in all the high rise and new fire resistant front doors also in the high rise blocks.
- DD to check when the deep cleanse / communal paint works will happen on Maryon as Morris was now complete.
- Pauline Major (leaseholder) asked for feedback on issues raised at the meeting in May where a number of communal repairs had been discussed in particular the windows and the lack of putty on Maryon Road/Grove, and external guttering.
 DD advised that she would look into this and report back.

5. Employment & Training



- A presentation took place on Employment and Training at the last resident meeting.
- Discussions took place in relation to maximising the opportunities for tenants who do/did live on the scheme. These individuals would be prioritised as RBG wanted to see local residents getting benefits from the scheme.
- Jobs on site would be advertised through GLLaB (located in the old library opposite Sainsbury's in Woolwich). Again RBG would be looking for local people to be employed. Lovell will give data on this to RBG, and if this is not happening officers can take issue with it.
- There was an event held on at the last Residents meeting on Employment and Training and it was felt that there should be further events during the construction process.
- An introduction to IT, DIY and CV writing would also be on offer and voluntary opportunities with Asra to gain office skills.
- There is also going to be a £150k Community Fund, £50k would be in place before the money from Lovell was received. How the scheme will be administered is currently being resolved. RBG to check criteria for this fund and feedback to Members and residents.
- Cllr Fahy mentioned that it would be good to look at a play park or something sited in Maryon Park.

6. AOB

- Notice Boards to be revisited to work better for the residents on the estate and be updated with relevant information.
- Trading Standards had issued various warnings about bogus caller and cold callers notices to be put up on the Charlton Community Centre notice boards.
- Pauline Major has received a letter from Thames Water on having a water meter fitted to her property. RBG confirmed this was a national scheme being rolled out by Thames Water; not by the Council.
- RBG agreed to review the current consultation strategy and consider how
 information is best given to residents, given that the turnout for meetings
 recently has been low. For example, a focus on themed, targeted meetings
 rather than general updates.



7. Next Meeting

25 November 2015 at New Charlton Community Centre

