**Beach Lane Tenants and Residents Group**

**Held on Thursday 9th September 2021**

**Zoom Meeting**

**7.00pm-8.30pm**

**Committee Members:** Linda Finlayson, Ryan Patterson, Kerry-Anne Dougan

**Attendees:** Keith Tate (Safer Communities Team), Cllr Forrest, Sue Cairns (ELTRP)

**Apologies**: J Rhodes, B Mills (ELC)

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| **No.** | **Description** | **Action/**  **Responsibility** |
| **1.** | **Welcome and Apologies** |  |
|  | Linda started the Meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and by noting apologies. |  |
| **2.** | **Previous Minutes** |  |
|  | Minutes were approved and stated as accurate. |  |
| **3.** | **Matters arising** |  |
|  | LF stated that she had recently had a site visit with J Stockman (Head of Repairs) Property Maintenance, to the Beach Lane Block.  All of the outstanding Repairs listed were viewed and a summary of what was required to rectify these issues were discussed.  The Window at the top of the stair at (8a&6a) which has to be re-installed as new is currently on the repair list, but because of Covid 19 this has been delayed.  The Main Entry Door at (2a&4a) is being fixed, a joiner to come out within the next few days, to do necessary repair.  The combination lock at the Main cellar (6a&8a) is working now and not jamming. It was noted that two caps need to be fitted to cover the screws, as to prevent it being vandalised and to make it more secure.  With regard to the two main planters, we are still awaiting ELC to come and clear them out and re-instate new plants. This issue was brought up at the recent Musselburgh Area Partnership Meeting and we were assured by Stuart Baxter that this would be done and photographic evidence would be provided to the Group.  I would like to thank everyone who has helped to keep them tidy and also plant various flowers and shrubs over the summer months.  Moving on to the Bin Cages most of the cellars have now been allocated.  (only 2 still empty). |  |
| **4.** | **Housing update** |  |
|  | All the houses in Cairds Row have now been allocated.  Recent issues with Council tenants at 2C and 2G have been dealt with and the Community Housing Officers are currently monitoring the situation.  Tenant at 6E with the Heating and Hot Water issues have been dealt with. |  |
| **5.** | **Safer Communities update** |  |
|  | All quiet in the Beach Lane and Cairds Row areas at the moment.  One live case ongoing. |  |
| **6.** | **Chair’s Report** |  |
|  | After lots of negotiations with Musselburgh Business Partnership and Musselburgh Area partnership, and contacting local businesses in the  Fisherrow Area, the plan to go ahead with Planters in the street will not  go ahead due to not being able to get people to water them, or maintain  them on a regular basis. (Sad Situation)  AGM (ELTRAP) will be held on Tuesday 28/09/2021  Guest Speakers to present for:  Rent Consultation for 2021/2022  Poverty-Due to Covid19 in all Areas of East Lothian (how do we move forward with regard to Child poverty, Rent Arrears, Food Banks, Poverty recognised in schools)  Reps for Musselburgh Area Partnership to be elected  Sparkle Awards Will be held on 17th December 2021 (more information to follow) |  |
| **7.** | **Roofing issues** |  |
|  | Due to many issues regarding the above Joe Stockman (Prop Main)  has stated that ELC have agreed to clean and maintain the roof (twice a year). This would involve cleaning gutters, jet washing stacks. etc.  LF is going to request that we have this in writing (as evidence)  LF is also to e-mail Scott Barclay (Asset Building Team ) ELC as there is seemingly an ongoing project taking place, to survey the roof on the Beach Lane Block.  LF to ask what will be involved and how it is going to be implemented. | LF  LF |
| **8.** | **MUSSELBURGH AREA PARTNERSHIP (AGM) UPDATE** |  |
|  | Ian Clarke - re-elected as Chairperson  No one elected as Vice Chairperson  Projects/Incentives  Flood Consultation-now in progress and all ready for people to  view online (ELC Website)  Draft Poverty Plan Survey - for all members and groups to view  and give response. (this is another consultation)  Community Council Elections will be held on 07/10/2021  (Nomination packs online)  Nominations are for all areas of East Lothian.  (Anybody can reply) |  |
| **9.** | **FUTURE IDEAS FOR (BEACH LANE)** |  |
|  | There was a long discussion regarding applying for a FACTOR for the Beach Lane Block, ( to deal with minor repairs, gardening, stair cleaning).  It was decided that given the SHARED OWNERSHIP of the Block, and the lack of attendance and interest at the BLTRA Meetings, it would more than likely prove too costly.  It was decided that a few of us would arrange a time, day/or evening to have a walk about the Beach Lane/Cairds Row area to highlight, or report any issues that could be taken up by (ELC) e.g., choked drains etc.  It was also suggested that a questionnaire form be submitted to all Tenants and Residents in these two areas, to air any issues or grievances that they wish to report. e.g., disabled parking/ larger parking areas. |  |
| **10**. | **AOB** |  |
|  | A Resident brought up noise issues during the daytime, of people trying to get entry to 37 Cairds Row. it was suggested that this issue is Monitored and the Police called if it continued on a regular basis.  LF thanked everyone who had attended the Meeting. |  |
| **11**. | **Date of next meeting** |  |
|  | The date of the next meeting will be:  **Thursday**  **14th October 2021**  **7.00pm**  **Zoom**  **(access link to be issued closer to time)**  **Please let your neighbours know - All Welcome** |  |