



**Vauxhall Gardens Estate Residents and Tenants Association (VGERTA)  
Carmelita Centre, 41 Vauxhall Walk, London SE11 5JT**

**Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Minutes**

**PART A: VGERTA, Lambeth Housing, Councillors & Guests**

**Present:** 1 Ward Councillor, 1 Lambeth Housing Officer, 3 members of Vauxhall Energy, New Carmelita Centre Business Planner, Treasurer, 3 Committee members, Chair, 1 Resident.

**1. Vauxhall Energy**

Vauxhall Energy has been going since 2013 progress has been slower than they had hoped, but they had formal approval from Lambeth Council at the end of last year.

Looking to raise £500,000 for the entire distribution on Vauxhall Gardens Estate. They expect to generate community funds over the years of the project. This will not generate any additional costs for leaseholders.

Vauxhall Energy would like to run an event at the Carmelita Centre in mid April. They will contact Acting Vice Chair to make these bookings.

**2. Carmelita Centre business plan - 6:50pm to 7:30pm**

**3.**

Business Planner updated VGERTA about the content of the business plan.

Members of VGERTA suggested the following organisations be included in the local organisations survey:

Black Prince Rd Community Hub

Black Prince Trust

GP surgeries

Oval Learning cluster (schools)

Kennington Lane Pharmacy

Durning Library

Creative Sparks

Streams Youth Club at St Marks

Bright Education

Vauxhall Gardens Allotments

Association

Friends of Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens

Your Story

St Peter's Church

The Chair shared that the Committee's view was that we need support with the market research, business analysis and financial forecasting for the business plan, establishing the viability of different ideas that we have and that this was where we hoped that the Locality would be able to provide the most meaningful support.



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The committee shared the ideas that had been considered already, for example Providing a dance studio with a sprung floor which would be a hired as a space for classes and rehearsals, hopefully also providing opportunities for local young people. A rentable business centre with offices for co-working and business meetings; and a rentable space with a focus on wellbeing. The vision of VGERTA was that the income generating side would be separate from the community provision, but contained within one building, with one entrance.

The committee agreed that we should be able to plan and commission local consultation events ourselves, with the support and involvement of Locality and Lambeth.

**Action:- Jo Simpson Ward Councillor will send around a doodle to arrange the next meeting with John.**

#### **4. Drumming for Children and Young people at VGERTA**

All of the checks on Asafo have been completed so it was agreed that he will begin the drumming classes after the Easter Holidays on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. The sessions will be on Fridays from 5.30 to 7pm. Clare will email Asafo with the dates.

### **PART B: VGERTA, Lambeth Housing & Councillors**

#### **5. Resignation of VGERTA Secretary**

The meeting accepted with deep regret the resignation of our long standing Secretary. We are very grateful for his huge contribution to VGERTA over the years. 1 of the committee members has agreed to take minutes at the next meeting.

#### **Co-opted Vice Chair until AGM 2018**

It was proposed that a committee member be co-opted as Vice Chair until the AGM on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018.

Proposed by Chair. Seconded by Treasurer. Agreed unanimously.

Acting Vice Chair has also offered to manage communications and publicity in the meantime.



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**6. AGM preparation, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.**

The AGM will now be a regular agenda item.

It will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June between 1 and 4pm.

It was agreed that we will provide food and children's activities  
Treasurer suggested that the committee have a look at the Jojo entertainment website  
as this is where we have commissioned our children's activities in the past.

The meeting agreed that if possible we should have a Barbecue, as this had proved very popular in the past.

**Action: CD to contact Mark Howarth about the BBQ**

All the roles on VGERTA will be up for re-election at the AGM so the committee will review the role descriptions and consider who to nominate for them.

Our accounts will be audited prior to the AGM. Treasurer and Acting Vice Chair are working on this, Treasurer will provide Acting Vice Chair with the information needed to start completing the accounts spreadsheet at the end of March.

**7. Carmelita Centre garden –**

It was agreed that Acting Vice Chair will allocate beds in the garden to volunteer gardeners.

**8. Carmelita Centre computer**

We need to purchase Excel for the Carmelita Centre computer. It was agreed that Tthe Treasurer and Acting Vice Chair will arrange for Office to be downloaded onto the computer. The committee agreed a budget of not more than £100 per year for this.



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**9. AOB:**

**Hiring the centre**

A committee member raised that there was a need in the local area for meeting spaces for organisations to have work related meetings and events. Said committee member and Acting Vice Chair will look into whether this could be a source of hirings and lettings.

**Future Agendas**

The chair reminded the committee to let her have any agenda items at least a week before the committee meetings so that they can be included in the next Agenda.

**10. Date and Time of Next meeting:**

Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April at 6.30pm