

# The BIG yeller

## General Meeting Agenda

**20th March 2018, 6.30pm, Yard Theatre**

Prospective Member's Surgery is from 6.00pm to 6.30pm and is for prospective members to get any support and advice about becoming a member of the co-op.

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of Last GM
3. Committee report
4. Finance report
5. The Accounts
6. Appointment of an auditor
7. Formal Reports from each Working Group including a list of active members
8. Attendance records at General Meetings
9. List of new members since last AGM
10. List of resigned members since last AGM
11. Any other business (to be given to the chair before meeting starts)
12. Annual Election of working group Coordinators and Deputy GM Chairperson
13. Election of 9 Committee members
- Closed session
14. Resignation of Sonny Kahn

# General Meeting Minutes

20th February 2018 18:35 GMT

**Chair:** Keith Underhill **Minutes:** Katherine Bird, Keith Underhill

<b>Members present: 12 Elected Committee members present 2/9</b>	would be discussed in detail by the Gardening Group if approved
Eddie Koehler, Fiona Forster, Jacob Morris, John Maloney, Katherine Bird, Keith Underhill, Kim Joslin, Nickie Witham, Pauline Smit, Shoshanah Cohen, Steve Cato, Susanne Hofmann	4) Ratification of 3 and 4 of the committee minutes Passed unanimously
<b>Non Members present: 3</b>	5) Any Other Business none
Amelia Lee, Damien Catelan, Dierdre Scullion,	6) Committee by Election
1) Introductions:	There were no candidates
Amelia Lee, Damien Catelan, Dierdre Scullion, Shay	Closed Session
2) Minutes of Last GM:	7) New Member
Minutes were PASSED as a true and correct record with 1 abstentions	Amelia Lee was elected unanimously
3) Committee report.	
There was a question about the nonslip path which	The meeting finished at 18:45

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# HFC Committee Minutes

6th March 2018

<b>Committee Members Present:</b> Keith Underhill (Secretary/Minutes), Rob Harrison (chair), Shoshanah Cohen, Paul Fitzgerald, Helen Gale, Lee Fullwood	for buying in assistance to maintenance. Lee is completing a job description.
<b>Others present:</b> Sue Corcoran <b>Apologies:</b> Kallum Tolkein, Lee Jones <b>Not Present:</b> Pauline Smit	2.29. Vehicle Gate: (2017 November 5) Agreed Keith to action the gate closure.
1.) Moss care:	2.32 Deposit accounts (2017 December 5) The deposit accounts have closed and new ones need to be opened.
1.1 Total Arrears are £14,284 last month was £13,799	2.33 GDPR on personal data (2018 February 5) Keith to check that our current rules are compliant.
2.) Minutes:	2.34 Complaint about leaky windows (2018 February 6) Complaint about leaky windows a contractor has looked at it and we are awaiting a quote.
2.27 Management Training (2017 June) it was agreed to spend up to £500 on management training primarily for the committee and other interested members.	3. Accounts the committee recommends to the AGM that the accounts be approved. The committee thanked Lee for his work on them.
2.28 Maintenance Worker: (2017 September 6) It was agreed that up to £6k should be allocated	

# EASY WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR HOME WIFI

WiFi signals can be temperamental, affected by everything from the position and elevation of your router to interference from other networks. Which means there's plenty of easy ways to improve your WiFi's performance and reliability.

Here are a few tips.

## REPOSITION YOUR ROUTER

Wireless routers are like mountaineers. They like open space and elevation. Keep them away from thick walls and other obstructions, and up on a shelf if possible. Large appliances and electronic gadgetry can also affect performance, so bear that in mind when you position your router. And it's true that the more devices that are connected, the weaker the signal will be. So when the kids come home and everyone wants to stream their favourite TV show, do shopping online and read up on the daily news, you can expect your speeds to be affected. So disconnect devices where possible from the WiFi and hard wire your connection.

## CHANGE YOUR FREQUENCY

It's worth getting to know your administrator interface for all sorts of reasons. If you have a dual band router, one potential path to better performance is to change the frequency from the 2.4GHz band to the 5GHz band. Less people use 5GHz so there's less interference from other networks. If your administrator interface offers the option give it a try

## UPDATE YOUR EQUIPMENT

if your router and the computers connecting to it are more than a few years old, you're unlikely to be getting the best performance from your equipment.



# Annual Reports

MARCH 2017-MARCH 2018

## Maintenance Working Group

Annual Report March 2017 to March 2018

### Active Members

Shelagh Murphy, Fiona Forster, Gayle Horrocks, Lee Fullwood, Herman, Hannah Berry, Michelle Brand, Jennifer Laing, Andrew Brown. Steve Cato, Simon Birch, Lydia Hurford Cato, Helen Threlfall, Helen Bachelor, Mike Johnson,

Jo Foley, Janine James – caretaking / bins

### New Members during the year.

Rachel Plumb, John Maloney, Dave Redhead and Joey Collins.

Nikki Harrison and Siobhan Foley are taking on tasks but not attended meetings

Active member as defined as 'active between meetings' not just attendance.

Members left: Nikki Quinn and Antony Quinn

Maintenance has a healthy number of active members but we are always looking for more, especially people who live here and have spare time in the daytime.

During the year we spent £15,436 on planned and cyclical maintenance and £53,444 on Responsive repairs. We have had two deal with bad leaks in two flats which have necessitated complete rip-outs and refurbishment of bathrooms.

We are planning significant works to windows, railings and the wooden walkways.

## MEMBERSHIP AND ALLOCATIONS GROUPS ANNUAL REPORT:

The following are regular volunteers for Membership and Allocations:

Eddie Koehler (Co-ordinator)

Shoshanah Cohen (Vice Co-Ordinator)

Laura Patryas

Jacob Morris

Liis-Maria Toomsalu

Stella Harding

Siobhan Foley

Rob O'Connor

Amelia Lee

Katherine Bird

Jane Leonard

This year Amelia has joined the Allocations / Waiting List sub-group to help Rob. She attends meetings of both groups now. Shoshanah is still our contact with The Committee. It's Jacob who usually takes the minutes. During the year since the last AGM, there has only been one allocation (G05). Five new Members have joined.

Eddie and Rob

# P&I Working Group

## Publicity & Information Working Group

**P&I Coordinator:** Keith Underhill

**P&I Deputy Coordinator:** Siân Evans

**Currently Active Members:** Keith Underhill, Siân Evans, Ricardo Vilela, Claire Davis, Janice Bell, Krishna Stott

This year the group has continued to focus on making our monthly newsletter 'The Big Yeller' more streamlined and attractive to read.

We are also working on improving the Website, making sure the calendar is correct and we are working with maintenance and Membership in order to provide additional services for tenants. We have also converted it to Wordpress to make it easier to edit.

We have also updated the info pack and the GM rules and put posters up to advertise the General meetings

Our Email address is now [pandi@homesforchange.co.uk](mailto:pandi@homesforchange.co.uk)

# Network Working Group

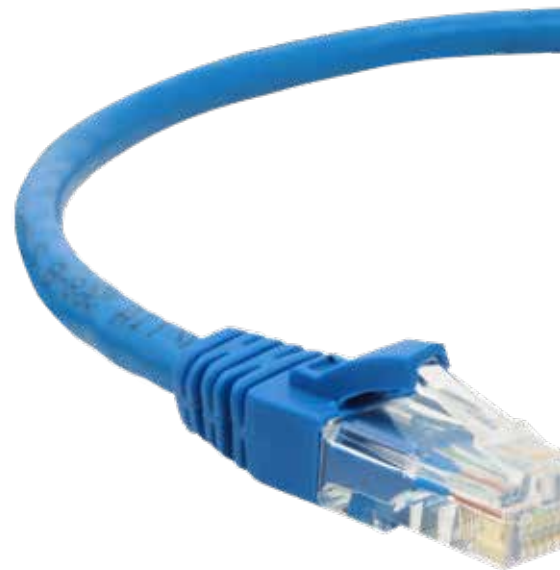
**Keith Underhill (Coordinator) Helen Gale (deputy), Rob Johnson, Simon**

**Parnell, Janice Bell, Rob Johnson**

Phase 2 cupboard The cable mess is now sorted thanks to Simon  
Pfsense new computers purchased as the current one is too old.

Phase 1 improvement Simon, Janice and Keith have completed this huge and highly ambitious project by connecting the phase 1 switch to the drum block. Overall this project means that all flats in phase 1 are directly connected to a network switch rather than one in someone's flat and we have greatly improved the resilience of the network. This has taken years to achieve and was the biggest project taken on by this group ... and all done by volunteers rather than contractors.

we have also continued to support individual flats needs when there have been problems



# Elections for Coordinators & Committee 2018/2019

Elections for the following positions will take place at the AGM March 20th. Please read carefully!

## Coordinators and deputy GM Chairperson:

Coordinators for Maintenance, Publicity and Information, Membership, Gardening and Network Groups and Deputy GM Chairperson

You must be an individual member or a prospective member to be a candidate.

You can be a candidate in as many of these elections as you wish.

## Committee (9 places):

In order to be a candidate for the committee you must fill in and sign the nomination form below or provide the same information. You may nominate yourself by email.

If you do not receive a confirmation you should assume it has not been received.

You must be a member to be a candidate for election to the committee.

You do not have to be a resident.

Committee meetings normally last up to 1.5 hours and are on the first Tuesday of the month.

Committee meetings count towards your 2 or 3 hours activity.

Nominations for committee will be kept secret by me until the nominations close.

You are welcome to announce your intention to stand in any way you feel necessary (ie Yell, leaflets etc)

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Nomination form: I wish to be a candidate for the committee elections

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Normal Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Keith Underhill (Returning Officer)

Deliver to Flat 303 or email keithunder@gmail.com before March 20th or at the AGM (0779 268 6588)



## Have your say....

Add your items to the  
GM Agenda and The Big Yeller by  
Tuesday 3rd April 5pm

[thebigyeller@homesforchange.co.uk](mailto:thebigyeller@homesforchange.co.uk)

## Dates for your diary

Next General Meeting

**20th March 2018**

The Yard Theatre @ 6:30pm

Next Committee Meeting

**3rd April 2018**

Members' Room @ 6:30pm



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