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**19.00 Thursday 18th November 2021 – Grange Farm Community Centre**

**Steering Group Pre-Meeting Notes**

**SG Members**: Erica Fontaine, Amita Jagai-Kempster, Shobhana Shah, Rekha Mehta, Denis Barker, Shivakuru Selvathurai, Fiona Allen and Sharon Reid.

**HFTRA**: Paddy Lyne.

**ITA**: Raj Kumar, John Harvey and Rish Rahane.

**Apologies**: Ken Woods, Bill Beardon. Varsha Patel, Shaz Mohammed, Ranjan Narayanasamy, Shamim Manji and Duad Amin.

1. **Good News Stories** – Everyone present was grateful for the gifts that Shamim made for SG members, which Raj circulated on her behalf.
2. **MyYard Christmas Lunch** – Paddy announced that there will be a meal held at the Blue Check Restaurant in Bushey on 22nd December at 12:00 for elderly people in the borough who may be isolated across Harrow and including Grange Farm. A number of SG members expressed an interest in attending – Denis, Rekha, Shobhana and Fiona.
3. **Formal notice of ending tenancy –** Fiona and Amita have received the letter regarding the end of their tenancy. The SG were previously made aware that this notice would be sent out**.**
4. **Allocations** – A few members of the SG have displayed frustrations regarding the allocations process and the restricted choices they have been given on location, neighbour preferences and kitchen finishes, flooring etc. Sharon also advised that it was stated by the council (at the start of the regeneration programme) that residents from Phase 1 would be given first choice of where they wanted their unit to be located, and then the remaining units would be given to Phase 2 residents. It was also stated that residents who moved away from the estate during Phase 1 would be allocated a property during Phase 1, but now they will be allocated Phase 2 and 3.
5. **Phase 1 residents** – The SG stated that it is important to meet the 68 families prior to moving them moving into Phase 1. They believe it will be an effective tool to create a sense of community on the new estate from the onset. Such a meeting should take place at the British Legion.
6. **Recruitment of new Steering Group members** – SG are keen to recruit new members to the group and also want to ensure the WhatsApp group is kept up to date.
7. **Christmas Gift bags** – Rachel, Anthea, Carol and Raj will be organising the distribution of gift bags to all residents on the entire estate on Saturday 4th December.
8. **Newsletter** – Raj agreed to circulate Denis’ article in the newsletter amongst the SG tonight.
9. **Christmas Meal attendance** – Erica, Amita, Varsha, Shobhana, Fiona, Sharon, Rish, John and Paddy all confirmed they would attend.
10. **A.O.B -** Shamim requires transport to face-to-face meetings and Amita volunteered to pick her up for the next such meeting.
11. **Date of Next full Steering Group meeting: 28th October 7pm via Zoom** – Raj will circulate the invite this evening.