CASP Committee Meeting
Tuesday 2nd July 2024
Crowndale Centre
6.30-8.30pm

ACTION POINTS

1. Welcome, introductions & Apologies

Apologies were read out and introductions given at the meeting.

2. Announcements

It was announced that DP would be taking over the position of Acting Chair of the Association.

PD would take on the position of Vice-Chair with MC the other Vice-Chair of the Association until the Association's AGM.

PD made a further announcement about the delayed Residents' Action Day, which would now take place on September 28th 2024.

3. CASP Correspondence.

The following items had been raised by members since the last CASP Committee meeting:

A CASP member had raised the issue of how difficult it can be to request an OT assessment, etc, from Camden Council.

Action: CASP had sign-posted the member to the correct department at Camden Council to request action on the issue.

A CASP member had raised the issue of the use of window boxes on higher property window sils.

Action: CASP had forwarded an enquiry to the Head of Neighbourhood and would forward the response to the member.

A CASP member had raised an issue re: adaptations to the outside of their property. These had been completed but had created a further issue. The resident had contacted Camden and would update CASP on the outcome.

4. CASP AGM / Early Discussion / AGM Sub-Group:

It was agreed that the venue for the AGM would be Camden Town Hall (Council Chamber) - **(Action)**

It was also agreed that the AGM would take place in late October/early November 2024 - **(Action)**

This year was also the 20th Anniversary of CASP and it was important for the event to be celebrated at the AGM - **(Action)**

It was agreed that topics for discussion would include Housing Management & Fire Safety & Street Properties - **(Action)**

It was agreed that a pre-meeting surgery to assist CASP members would also take place at the AGM - **(Action)**

It was agreed that a formal AGM sub-group could be set up at a later date to help oversee the final organisation of the AGM - **(Action)**

5. LBC Leaseholders & Camden Heating Charges:

DP reported on a recent discussion re: the apportioning of costs in the heating pool between tenants and leaseholders, and possible (unconfirmed) subsidisation of tenants by leaseholders and whether it fulfils the Council's obligation to only recharge actual incurred costs to leaseholders.

After some discussion, it was concluded that tenants pay any heating charges into a different pot, therefore different rules apply to Camden re-imbursing any charges back to tenants. In the discussion, it was also raised as a possibility that the Council was/are unaware of the implications for LBC leaseholders in their decision, as there seems to exist some confusion in the Council's use of the word "residents" as apparently (but incorrectly) is equivalent to "tenants".

However, efforts were now underway by Camden to have the heating services (and charges) received by leaseholders come under the umbrella of ofgem to ensure proper scrutiny and increased transparency of the service received by Camden leaseholders.

DP would continue to follow and report back on the discussion - **(Action)**

6. Draft Minutes of CASP AGM / CASP website:

The draft minutes of the AGM were now almost ready to place on the CASP website - **(Action).**

Following the AGM, Camden officers had also sent over some additional information for residents, which might also benefit CASP members, therefore it was important to include the information - **(Action)**

A request had also been received from a CASP member that a hard copy of the draft minutes be forwarded to them when ready - **(Action)**

PD thanked DP for his work in keeping the CASP website updated.

7. Camden's Fire Safety Panel & CASP Deputation (July 18th 2024)

JY & JY wished to present a formal deputation to Camden's Fire Safety Panel on the issue of non-access to council services.

Information received from Camden Council indicated that the deputation request should be sent instead to Camden's Housing Scrutiny, as any deputation would need to focus on access to services per se - **(Action)**

8. Reports from June cycle of DMCs / CASP Reports, etc.

It was noted that the date of the majority of DMC meetings had been put back due to the July 4th election.

Although CT & GO DMCs had taken place, other DMC meetings would take place over the next couple of weeks.

It was re-iterated that DMCs were important local forums and CASP reps should use these to raise local issues on behalf of members,

Links to local DMC meetings were included on the CASP website and members could access minutes of these meetings.

9. Any Other Business (AOB)

CASP was investigating the use of new technology to reach out to its large membership - (**Action).**