

Vanbrugh Park resident's Association: Agenda November 2025. 11/11/25 at 86 Combe Avenue at 7.30

Attendees: Virginia Clements, Laura Cade, Emily Gunsell, Gill Fairbanks, Hannah Mugenyi, Lisa Turner, Jackie Duckworth, Alex Wheeler, Kathleen Hehir

Apologies: Rebecca Franklin

Finance

VC reported on finances

- RGB grant not yet received

Transfer of Treasurer Roll

- VC to pass on to LT but others to help

Transfer of Bank Account

- - LT, GF, VC, LC & AW will have access to the new account
- - GF & AW to meet this week to complete

Repairs & Maintenance

Westcombe Court Refurbishment:

- Tracy on holiday for 2 weeks

- Most recent letter (7th Nov) says still waiting for BSR approval

Anti-social behaviour incidents

- Anti social behaviour continuing – recent incident 2 young people at 3am banging on doors, seen snooping around front doors on Ring doorbells and outside windows on the scaffolding

- Hostel continues to be an issue with anti-social behaviour on estate, despite initial improvement after a recent meeting with hostel managers - LT to contact hostel management team

- Scaffolding being up and not used continues to be an issue and encourages anti-social behaviour

- LT&EG plus other residents to attend upcoming Councillor's Surgery to raise issues of scaffolding and anti-social behaviour

- Residents feel cameras would be helpful in communal areas—all agreed that committee funds should be used to pay for these

Waste management

- Meeting to take place on 20th at 7pm, LC to communicate with councillors and relevant RGB representatives, HM to book St. John's Church - Issues to be discussed to include:

We need recycling needs collecting 2x per week
Large clear notices on door
Re-designate areas – Recycling/ general/ garden
Suggesting food waste bin housing as Gill has observed in Tower Hamlets, these could be outside the bin chambers but not on the edge of the estate. Westcombe Court – additional food waste bins & additional collectons needed
- HM to make posters for bin meeting

- GF to make maps with bins marked on them to be used at the meeting

Caretaking

- - Residents of Westcombe Court put up a notice detailing caretakers responsibilities which has led to some improvement in the cleaning of the lifts & other areas
- - KH has heard that caretakers have been receiving abuse, LT & EG to investigate

Undercroft

- the survey has not yet been forwarded to this committee. Follow up done but not acknowledged. LC emailed 4 tmes with no response but will continue to follow up

Next repairs needed

- Large number of 'street lights' are not working ,LC sent images and locations to Councillor Christine St Matthew Daniels but has not heard back

- Westcombe Court 7th Floor, large piece of wall missing. EG to send picture to LC, LC to report

Social Events

Halloween 31/10/25 – Hannah, Alex, Kat to report - Well attended and many residents involved – Thanks to Kat for making pumpkins

Winter Celebration 14/12/25, 4-7pm

- Publicity – HM to make posters
- Sam to play music, Father Christmas (Colin) confirmed at 6pm
- Raffle prizes-EG, LT, JD to ask local businesses for prizes, AW to ask people to donate on WhatsApp group
- GF to continue to try to get more photos of the estate for a new calendar

Summer Party 2026

- VC has written a pantomime to be used at the Summer party
- Idea to move the party earlier and to have it as a Midsummer party, Nina happy to help with traditional actvities such as flower crowns - - Include quiz

Future ideas

- Advent windows – agreed that this year not practical with Westcombe Court surrounded by scaffolding

Greening/Gardening Group

- - New trees planted to replace damaged ones on Apple Tree Walk, new protective cages installed.
- - Spruce tree, Joshua tree and oak tree also planted
- - 45 kilos of bulbs planted -

AOB

Change next meeting from 9th Dec to 2nd Dec to include Christmas party planning