

ST MARY'S ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESIDENTS MEETING

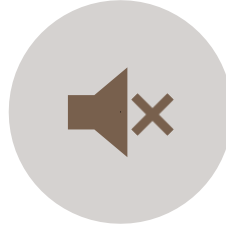
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Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Apologies for absence
- Recording of the last meeting – available on the website
- Stakeholder Q&A – Countryside Properties
- Stakeholder Q&A – CMT & PCSO Angela Saunders, Medway Council,
- Stakeholder Q&A – Medway Practices Alliance
- Any other business
- Next Residents' meeting date 18 October 2021
- Close

Apologies for absence

Jade Jones – SMIRA Company Secretary



Previous meeting minutes

Malcolm Gray – SMIRA Chair

Video available on the SMIRA website

Stakeholder Q&A – Countryside Properties

Paul Dawson, Development Director

Malcolm Gray – SMIRA Chair



Questions Countryside Properties

1. Why have Countryside decided to saddle us with these additional costs (and so far Remus have done very little for their money), and not follow the method adopted on other sectors of handing responsibility for maintenance to CMT, accompanied by a dowry to cover ongoing landscaping and maintenance?

***Background** - We live on the Azure development, sector 11. After moving in two and a half years ago we were surprised to learn that we had to pay a significantly higher rent charge to CMT than the rest of the Island. We were even more unhappy to find out earlier this year that in addition to this we were going to have a 'Management Charge' imposed on us by an organisation called Remus. This was to cover gardening and maintenance, which is covered by CMT on the rest of SMI. So, we are expected to pay several hundred pounds more than the majority of SMI, and get nothing for our money. Additionally we have learned that there is nothing to stop Remus increasing their charges each year as they deem fit, plus if we decide to move we have to get a 'Management Pack' from them at a cost currently of £300.00. We have made a formal complaint to our solicitor (who was from a list provided by Countryside), who did not warn us about these additional costs, and of course it was not mentioned by the people in the Countryside sales office prior to us completing the purchase. It is tempting to conclude that this is purely a cynical move by Countryside to save money and increase profits. One Countryside person who was prepared to discuss the matter told us that they would have to increase the price of their houses if the Management Charge was not imposed!*

We will appreciate it if Mr Dawson will explain precisely why Countryside have acted in this manner.

2. Following Grenfell, can Countryside confirm that none of the high rise blocks have any cladding issues?

Stakeholder Q&A – CMT and PCSO Angela Saunders, and Medway Council

Malcolm Gray – SMIRA Chair



Questions – CMT

1. Will Island planting day go ahead this year?

A - The planting day is normally in October (middle) so CMT will review pandemic and as outside any implication to progress event by the end of September.

2. Can CMT confirm if the additional lights on the river walk have been completed.

A - The low level lighting installation has now been completed and operational via connection to existing lighting as a continuous light along the river walk, as requested by residents.



Questions – Medway Council

1. Request update on when yellow lines will be placed on the junctions that we were notified by Medway Council street notices.
2. The junction with Samphire Way and Augustus Way (opposite the main entrance to Atlas Place) is becoming increasingly dangerous. There are no road markings showing who has right of way, and with increasing traffic on Augustus Way there have been several near misses where traffic coming out of Samphire Way does not give way. The last enquiry from residents resulted in them being told that the roads had not yet been adopted by Medway Council, and were therefore still the responsibility of Countryside Maritime. When will road markings or signs be put in place?

Stakeholder Q&A – Medway Practices Alliance

Malcolm Gray – SMIRA Chair



Questions – Medway Practices Alliance

1. Why are residents' not able to have blood tests at the Island Surgery?

This was always possible in the past, and for folk who are not able to drive to the MCH at Bailey Drive or any other clinic to have a blood test this can be problematic.

Can this service be reinstated as the facilities are all available at the surgery?

A - We do have plans to start phlebotomy at the practice. Currently blood tests are heavily restricted due to a national shortage of bottles and so these plans are likely to wait until we are sure we can get supplies.

2021 Residents' Meeting Dates

Malcolm Gray – SMIRA Chair



2021 Resident Meeting Dates

Commencing at 8 pm (currently via Zoom)

- 18 October 2021
- 10 December 2021 (AGM)
– potential first face to face meeting

2021 CMT Board Meetings

The CMT Board meet six times a year. If you would like the SMIRA representative trustees to raise anything at the next CMT Board meeting please let us know and we will ensure your questions are put to the CMT trustees.

Thank you and close

