Cohousing meeting 27 February, 2020

Present: Alex, Sandy, Frances, Michael, Ros, Anne, Sue, Liz, Marianne, Min, Jan, Geoff, Anne, Sander, Karen, Catherine, Maria, Tim, Sara

**Agenda**

* Apologies
  + Warren, Dennis, Rainer, Susan, Pauline, Anna, Anthony, Claire, James, Jess, Donald, Miriam, Gay, Rosemarie, Maurice
* Appreciations
* Jan for having us here/ Roofing on Alva Street/ Work on Body Corp/ Rainer’s reports and photos

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1. Heritage fence

Call for volunteers for trust or incorporated society. Need to read Rosemarie’s last email re waiting on the final costs from Zeal Steel before trying to sort out trusts etc. Most charitable trusts do not have donee status but can still receive grants. Sandy and Catherine interested in looking into forming a trust or incorporated society.

1. Shared electricity system

Alex has been in touch with someone who has offered to talk to us about this. He has not got back to Alex yet. Other power companies may be interested in supplying us as well.

1. A2 Unit, DCC

The council at one stage stopped being interested in Social housing with us but the make up of the Council has now changed and it would be worthwhile having another discussion with them re this and their intention for the Unit. People involved would be Catherine, Anne , Frances. They would start with a telephone call to David Benson-Pope to explore the issues. The cost of the unit may be considered too high for social housing or a refugee family but it is worth testing.

1. PCG Site Report/ Updates

* D unit covers -These units do not have shelter over the doors and it is proposed to provide this
* Satellite dishes/aerials – Not a lot of people are likely to be interested in this .- Cables will run to the roof so an aerial can be put on the roof even for the bottom units . The body corp owns the roofs but now is the time to say whether anyone wants an aerial (by 9 March). They could still be put on by cherry picker later on. Discuss this with Alex.
* Colour of the cladding to replace the larch. Sample panels in shades of brick red will be prepared for viewing.
* Anthony and Anna, Sander and Karen need to pay for some variations to their units in the next
* week. They have been alerted to this.
* Approval of extra trenching costs approx. 44K plus 5K for a line to the washhouse.

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* Costs for the past 2 months were itemised by Maria.

1. BCG Report/ Updates
   1. Extra amounts need to be added to contingency. Amounts are estimates:

* Storm water drain/easement $7,107
* Lounge ceiling in Common house $7000
* Covers for D unit Doors $6000
* Angle parking n Alva St. $35,000
* Heritage fence $80,000
* Trenching $49,708 (actual extra cost -approved)

With these deducted, the contingency fund would be down to $121,000. Estimated balance does not include any savings that may be made in other areas.

* 1. Discussion was held on what was most important for cohousers. The kitchen is very important to a number of people. It was proposed that we have thoughts about how much money we should ring-fence for the kitchen.
  2. Sue would like to get the resource consent agreement sent out so we all understand what we have agreed to originally before Cohousing went ahead, Anne will do this.
  3. Frances will go back to the DCC to get costing on the painting of lines rather than curbing. However she needs a drawing from Tim.
  4. Discussion was held on whether we can have fewer entrances (gates) from the street and save money on this.

1. Mike Hazel Loan: Directors to deal with this and report back in 2 weeks,
2. Body Corp update. Thanks to Min for all the hard work she has done on this. Next workshop 2 pm 29/03/2020 at Number Works.
3. Working bee this Saturday 29th. (Juan can borrow Rainer's trailer for it.) 9.30 start.
4. Venue for future meetings. Number Works until further notice . Sander to check on the availability of the Centre for Sustainability
5. (Confirm status of name of our community, "High Street Cohousing") Yes but we still need a Maori name as well. Susan Jack was looking into it.

Open Forum

1. Stephen Edge (Kiwi Bank) is coming down on the 19/3/2020 and will be on site at 10.30.
2. Ehaus are arranging an open day on our building site. We could offer other tours later with a charge for entrance, and sell stall sites for selling food etc.
3. Roof shout for Alva Rainer and Frances to be asked to do this.
4. Discussion was held on build completion dates, when codes of compliance will be forthcoming and when we can move in. We will know more about this after Easter.

Meeting finished at 21.25

Next meeting: 12 March: Jan and Gay to chair and take notes