

Newsletter

Tenants protests ignored by Education Services



Our Tenants who gave up their secure parking facilities and even a toddlers play area to enable Education Services to build Hazelwood school have come to regret that decision, as the education dept are responsible for allowing Sir Robert McAlpine construction to move their Hut's toilets and generators into the new car park despite protests from tenants and contrary to an agreement made to us and Local Housing officials.

Mosspark Housing Association have supported the tenants in this matter and have held meetings with the Tenants Association, Education Services and McAlpine with no success. DTRA called Nicola Sturgeon MSP and Councillor Allison Hunter for help and both came to Dumbreck Court for a meeting with the Tenants Association, The Estate Co-ordinator and Housing Officer. Our MSP called Education Services and spoke to Gil Carruth who refused to instruct McAlpine to move the items to the North Car Park stating time and cost as an excuse. He was told that the attitude of Education Services and McAlpine construction towards tenants was disgraceful, and would become an issue itself.

We all want to see this project concluded but we will not accept being lied to, agreements being broken, or a total disregard for the wishes of the community they are guests of. So I have contacted a local newspaper and informed the GHA of this move, as we feel Tenant Participation gets suspended when dealing with the City Council and tenants are told to..... PERSEVERE!!! Well not in our Community.

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CONFRONTING MCALPINE



At a meeting Friday 1st June the Dumbreck Tenants and Residents Association supported by Mossspark Housing Association confronted McAlpine Construction regarding their complete lack of consideration for the tenants and residents of Dumbreck Court. At the meeting were representatives from Health and Safety, Education Services, Hazelwood School Architects, and a senior representative from McAlpine.

McAlpine agreed that proper consultation had not taken place and that neither tenants nor housing managers had been informed as to their plans to house materials from the school site in a fenced off area in the centre of the local community. This area was until recently the toddlers play park which was converted to a car park to replace the parking spaces taken up to allow access to the new Hazelwood school. We were promised a replacement play park for the children and they are dragging their heels on this promise as well!

Most of the local community have supported the building of this new school, and they have been surrounded by construction for a year with little complaint, but when McAlpine began storing heavy materials in the centre of the community surrounded by a badly constructed fence (which was reinforced on the morning before a visit from health and safety inspectors) without consulting the tenants and residents, caused understandable anger, towards this inconsiderate act, by the managers of the Dumbreck School Site.

Even faced by this intransigence and disregard by Sir Robert McAlpine (who are members of the Considerate Constructors Scheme) the Tenants Association and Housing Association, did understand the restriction of space on the school site and had agreed under conditions, to allow storage to continue for a further 10 Days on the basis that no further material was added to this "temporary storage area" and that the Local Housing Manager be kept informed. ***This agreement was broken by McAlpine!!!***

The Dumbreck Tenants and Residents association are saddened by the fact that this entire incident could have been avoided, with even the slightest consultation with the community!

We would like to thank Mossspark Housing Association's Andy Elliott and Dennis Donnelly for their continued support for the tenants in this matter.

CONCIERGE OR CLEANER



Dumbreck Tenants and Residents Association have written to Mary Crearie (Director of Housing Services for GHA) on the situation with our concierge service. The fact is tenants are paying for a concierge service (*as part of their rent*) from 8.00am till 8.00pm and most days not receiving this service as the concierge is asked to cover Jura Court as well as Dumbreck Court.

This you may find a bad enough situation, but with the new decree from on high at the GHA that the concierge will now brush and clean all landings and corridors in both blocks at Dumbreck and both blocks at Jura then our concierge becomes a cleaner and has no time to perform his functions as concierge to tenants.

Of course the GHA made this proclamation but did not put their money where their mouth is and fund this new way of doing things. We have a meeting with GHA's shared services boss Bill Pearch at the end of July and will put our case and ask for a concierge to cover days off and long term sickness, and that this should be funded from new money from the GHA and not from our Local Housing Association's budget, because if that were to happen we would just lose out somewhere else.



A team of volunteers who take pride in their community came together to cleanup the litter dropped by local and passing litter bugs and irresponsible pet owners letting their dogs foul the area. The team consisted of members of your Tenants Association with the help of Mossspark Housing Association DENNIS DONNELLY and ROY REEKIE from Glasgow City Council. We were supported in our efforts by our own Labour Councillor "SHAUKAT BUTT" getting his hands dirty for our community, and we are glad of his support for our area!

Our cleanup was organised by FIONA MACIVER in order to lead by example, and this highlights the importance of keeping Dumbreck Court clean for it to offer a safe area where children can play and it can be a pleasant environment to take pride in and be enjoyed by all members of our community.

For this GCC will give DTRA £250 for plants or benches to improve the look of Dumbreck Court.

