

## **Welcome Report**

**9 April 2025**

**I have only had the opportunity to welcome Beverley Brown to Applewood as a new resident during the past month. Beverley has already attended a street dinner and looks forward to participating in the many activities on offer here at Applewood.**

**I hope to welcome Dawn & Graeme Maddock and Carl Di Giouanni within the next few days.**

**The month of March has been very busy and I have been able to support Peter in my Deputy Chair role while he has been away. In addition to the meetings with The Manningham Council, I have been able to attend the Property and Infrastructure meetings.**

**It had been arranged previously for Peter, Mike Reece and myself to meet with the Mayor of Manningham, Deirdre Diamanté and the CFO Jon Gorst to discuss matters arising from Applewood Residents Council Rates correspondence.**

**The meeting was held at the Council offices on 20 March, where it was highlighted by the Mayor the decision to discuss a Differential Rate for Applewood Residents was a Council decision, depending on the 2024/2025 Council budget.**

**It was fortunate to be advised, there had already been a Council meeting planned for the following Saturday 22 March, where the proposed budget to cover all matters of Financial expenditure for the City of Manningham was to be discussed. The CFO Jon Gorst advised, there are 1,205 Retirement Village properties in Manningham with a total revenue in 2024/2025 of \$970,810.**

**We thank Rod Sinclair for providing valuable information to support the current application to Council to pursue this investigation into Applewood Retirement Village Rate Relief. Many thanks also to Mike Reece who brings a substantial amount of knowledge over a long period to support these claims.**

**The ARC had previously invited the Mayor, Jon Gorst and other Councillors to attend an informal morning tea at 11.00am on Wednesday 9 April, at the conclusion of the normal meeting of the ARC.**

**Mike Reece, Rod Sinclair have also been invited to attend as the outcome of the Manningham Budget 2024/2025 may be available for discussion.**

**John Smrk and Acting General Manager, Naomi Liner have also been invited to attend.**

**The morning tea with The Mayor and Councillors had been planned by the ARC to be held 6 monthly to establish an open communication with Applewood and the City of Manningham. We are extremely pleased to have this opportunity and look forward to offering the Applewood hospitality to our guests.**

**Ellen Boyd.**