



Columbus Point

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Members Newsletter: October 2023

At this year's **Annual General Meeting**, informal comments, questions and answers were recorded, which are set out at the end of this section of the newsletter. The Minutes will be issued by HML.

At that meeting, the board also committed to providing answers to questions related to the defibrillator. A detailed response is set out below.

The defibrillator

The defibrillator is not owned by or the responsibility of CPMCL. It is owned by [First Response Learning Limited \(“FRLI”\)](#) and maintained by the [Eastbourne Community First Responders](#). Regular checks are also carried out by FRLI. It is the same for the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) outside Seasons at The Waterfront. Both defibrillators have been in situ for the last six years.

The AED is always open, and no code is needed.

It does not require regular servicing as it has a built-in self-check facility. As part of the regular checks the battery life and pads are checked. It was last checked following the incident in Dominica Court following a notification to FRLI from [THE CIRCUIT](#) (The Circuit - the national defibrillator network, which is a central database set up by the NHS British Heart Foundation, which oversee the placement of all registered defibrillators) that the defibrillator might have been used in an incident. However, it was not.

There is no reason for anyone other than FRLI or the [Eastbourne Community First Responders](#) to touch the defibrillator unless in an emergency.

However, if at any time, it appears to have been interfered with (by vandalism, weather or accidentally), a report should be made to First Response Learning (or email, enquiries@firstresponse.co.uk or call 0800 999 0100), who will check its condition and take appropriate action.

History

In 2016/17 the Eastbourne Heartbeat Community programme held CPR training sessions for the public run by FRLI and the Eastbourne Community First Responders across the town. Various initiatives have been held across the country, including Sovereign Harbour (by FRLI), and as a consequence, CPMCL was approached to agree to the installation of a defibrillator at the Water Feature. The site identified was on the wall of one of the tech rooms by the bridge on the St Kitts Drive side of Leg 1. See image below. This is the location recorded on The Circuit.



Use and training

1. In line with British Heart Foundation guidance, the box does not need a code to be opened. However, you may find in some other locations boxes which are privately owned are locked with a code which is given out if you phone the 999 Operator.
2. The kit inside the box is the size and weight of a large First Aid box. It is removable and can be used anywhere on site. See images below.



3. It is designed specifically to be used by anyone without any training or knowledge as once it is opened, audio and visual instructions will commence.
4. Training (individual or group) can be arranged locally through [First Response Learning Limited](#) and other regulated healthcare safety organisations.

All information about CPR & how to use the Automatic Emergency Defibrillator can be found on **THE CIRCUIT** website. [The Circuit - the national defibrillator network](#)

Further Questions/comments.

Kent and Sussex Pools.

The question was raised regarding where Kent and Sussex Pools were based. It was confirmed that they were based in Bexhill on Sea.

Chemicals & Antisocial Behaviour

A member present at the meeting suggested that the board investigate the use of dyes instead of chemicals. She mentioned that this was the preferred method of algae control in large ornamental fountains and ponds and was considerably cheaper than traditional chemicals. The resident expressed her willingness to provide the information she had on the use of dyes to replace chemicals so that the board could investigate and consider if this was a possible solution available in regards water management.

Hazelvine Limited

A question was raised as to the service charges paid to Hazelvine. It was noted that Hazelvine had no relationship with the Water Feature but rather areas beyond the Water Feature and certain individual developments.

Health & Safety

Flying trampoline

On 18 October, during a particularly strong storm, a trampoline was lifted from a back garden and ended up in Leg 3 (Santa Cruz Drive/San Juan Court). The property owner was contacted but it appears they were unable to contact their tenants to deal with its removal.

Because of the Health & Safety implications of leaving the trampoline in the water or leaving it on the grass (where it could have been vandalised or even blown into the road at Santa Cruz Drive) until it could be removed by its owners, CPMCL had no choice but to issue an urgent works order to have it dismantled and left outside the property it had come from. The cost of this work will be passed on to the property owner for reimbursement.

This is a good reminder that the harbour experiences strong wind, particularly during storms, and it is helpful if everyone makes sure that all loose garden and balcony items are secured or taken inside.



Communication

CPMCL welcomes questions and comments from members. These can be directed to the company or the HML Property Manager. Contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

Electronic communications

If you receive company communications from HML Property Managers electronically, please make sure HML have an up-to-date email address for you. You can do this by contacting them at the email address or telephone number at the bottom of this newsletter.

Keeping members informed

Send questions and comments related to the Water Feature and CPMCL by emailing CPMCL (details at the end of this newsletter).

CPMCL does not use social media. Instead it uses this **newsletter**, **email**, **its website** and a **WhatsApp Alerts group** to communicate with members. To be added to any of these, email CPMCL with your property address and mobile telephone number.

The company's website www.cpmcl.co.uk is a useful resource for anyone wanting to know more about CPMCL, including the history of the Water Feature.

To join the WhatsApp group requires WhatsApp to be installed on a smartphone. WhatsApp can be downloaded free from your App store.

It is important that all members with email accounts join the mailing list as the bulletin provides regular updates, reminders and information about work issues related to the Water Feature and CPMCL.

If a property close to you has recently been occupied by new owners please ask them to join the mailing list. Easy-to-print versions of bulletins are on the website.

Contact details

Individual members who do not have access to email can have their newsletters delivered by hand. Fortunately, this is only a handful of people. If you are not already subscribed to the newsletter, please let us have your contact details so that we can add you to the mailing list.

The Water Feature is owned by all 369 properties surrounding the Water Feature and the company manages and maintains the amenity on their behalf.



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