

JOINT CONSULTATION MEETING
Between
ST LEGER HOMES of DONCASTER
And
THE STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE
Of the
DONCASTER FEDERATION of the TENANTS and RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATIONS
Held on
30th August 2007 at 2.00pm
In the
HAYWOOD ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE

PRESENT

ST LEGER HOMES

Paul Hopkinson	Director of Property Services
Lynn Chamberlain	Community Liaison Officer

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Lyn Ralph	Chair
Mavis Williams	Secretary
Sue Wilkinson	Treasurer
Brian Naughton	Vice Chair
Frank Knapton	Assistant Secretary
Andy Kerr	Assistant Treasurer
Linda Teasdale	
Ernie Plastow	
George Hardy	
Colin Leonard	
David Evans	

Naz Hussain	Federation Support Officer (minutes)
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1. WELCOME

Lyn Ralph opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. APOLOGIES

Martin Musgrave	SLHD Chief Executive
Judith Jones	Director of Customer Services
Janet Clarke	Assistant Director of Customer Services
Sue Bowie	Information & Involvement Manager
Dave Willis	Community Liaison Manager
Lin Myers	SJC
Ali Melli	SJC
Ashkan Melli	SJC

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

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Andy Kerr asked for an update of the current situation with the SJC Budget; Naz stated that he had updated a report he produced in November 2006, which was passed to Dave Willis and is awaiting feedback.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Paul Hopkinson gave an update on the current situation and recent events in relation to the floods and mentioned that the dedicated team for the floods had stood down, but were still working on flood related issues.

All caravans used as accommodation have been fully occupied and a further 25 are to be bought in and are looking to relocate all 50 caravans onto one site.

Frank asked if the caravan could be utilised by the travelling community (gypsies) once the tenants have moved out from them; Paul stated that there were no plans in place as of yet as it will be a DMBC decision. Also the Caravan Site has to be returned to its original state at the end of the lease.

Mavis enquired if there was any truth in rumours that some properties are to be demolished due to the flooding; Paul clearly mentioned there was no truth in this as no properties have been identified as 'beyond economical repair'.

The SJC thanked all those SLHD / DMBC staff as well as the volunteers involved in the flood related works.

Paul also noted that the launch of the Choice Based Lettings had been rescheduled from September to be launched in November / December of this year due to the impact of the floods.

Sue Wilkinson asked if there had been any discussion on having town centre shop for the lettings and suggested a 'one-stop shop' as a viable option. Paul replied that no discussions or decisions had been taken.

A draft version of the 'Tenants Compact' had been formed through the working group and the next step is to take it out to wider consultation.

With reference to Decency Works, Paul reported that the Scheme is due to get very busy as they are looking to make decent approximately 2,700 properties through the 'one-hit' process. In addition to this around 48 properties a day will have now windows and doors fitted.

A discussion ensued on the criteria used to prioritise the areas to be done first under decency. Paul explained that there was a list of 23 criteria's used to prioritise areas, with each estate scored fairly.

Paul updated on the situation of tenant nominations for the board and reported that an election for the North West is to take place on 7th September 2007 and as there were no nominations at all from the North East, this will be re-advertised.

SLHD have taken on more apprentices and completed their inductions and recently had an awards ceremony for them. The SJC congratulated 'Katie Plummer' who won the 'Apprentice of the Year' award.

6. COMMUNITY LIAISON / DIVERSITY REPORT

Lynn Chamberlain presented the report from the two teams. Please see attached report.

Other points raised in relation to the Community Liaison report:

- Mavis stated that Wheatley CAN TARA was not included in the report as they have been involved in various activities over the month and asked for all TARA achievements to be included.
- It was agreed to send out pre-aid envelopes with the Joint Consultation minutes to all TARA's / TC's so any information / minutes could be sent in.

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

Lyn felt that the need to feedback from area forums into the Joint consultation meeting was required. It was suggested that the chairs of the forums bring any issues highlighted at forums to the 'Joint Consultation Meeting' between SLHD and the SJC. SJC agreed to the proposal.

Lyn also updated on the meeting she had with SLHD about 'introductory tenancies' and it was agreed it needs to go out for consultation with the TARA's. It was proposed for officers to be accompanied by SJC members to visit TARA's to ensure a balanced view was put forward. Suzanne Saxelby is to send further information on consultation dates with TARA's.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Doncaster Flood Relief Fund

Sue reported that to date £3,100 had been raised for the fund and tickets for the grand raffle had been printed and were ready for distribution. The deadline to return all tickets is Thursday 30th September and the draw is to take place on Friday 26th October 2007.

However you can still make donations by simply sending or bringing any collections to the Haywood Room (cheques made payable to 'DFTRA Doncaster Flood Relief Fund' please).

TARA Information

Brian urged all TARA's to send in any information about their associations or clubs so it can be displayed in the Mobile Display Unit, which is used at various locations across Doncaster.

9. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th September 2007 at 2pm in the Haywood Room, Council House.

Meeting closed at 4.10pm.