

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
10th January 2008 at 2.00pm
In the
HAYWOOD ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE

PRESENT

ST LEGER HOMES

Martin Musgrave	Chief Executive
Sue Bowie	Temp. Assistant Director of Customer Services

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Brian Naughton	Vice Chair
Mavis Williams	Secretary
Sue Wilkinson	Treasurer
Frank Knapton	Assistant Secretary
Andy Kerr	Assistant Treasurer
Linda Teasdale	
George Hardy	
David Evans	
Colin Leonard	
Anne Leonard	
Lin Myers	

Naz Hussain	Federation Support Officer (minutes)
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1. WELCOME

Brian Naughton opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. APOLOGIES

Lyn Ralph	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

Pg. 2 Matters Arising – Fencing at Mexborough

Linda Teasdale asked for an update on the situation of fencing at the Hall Gate Centre; Sue Bowie commented that there was no update available but agreed to chase up the matter.

Pg. 2 Matters Arising – Chimney Sweeps

Frank Knapton reported that a death had occurred due to the fumes of a solid fuel appliance of a SLHD managed property.

Martin Musgrave confirmed it was due to carbon monoxide poisoning but was not the responsibility of SLHD. He also suggested that a member of staff visits the SJC to provide information on the servicing of solid fuel appliances and the importance of using correct fuels. This information could then be passed on to all tenants.

Pg. 2 Matters Arising – Decency Doors

Linda asked for an update for cost of front and back doors and if tenants would be given a choice for back doors as part of decency; Martin reported that back doors were considerably cheaper than the front doors therefore it would remain as only one choice.

David Evans updated that all doors were now fitted with spy holes, but intercom systems were still not being replaced after the fitting of doors. Andy added that 'Smart water' stickers were also not being replaced after replacing windows.

Sue Bowie agreed to investigate the matters and Martin asked for actual addresses where such incidents were happening.

Pg. 2 Matters Arising – Mobile Display Unit

George Hardy asked about the latest developments with the Mobile Display Unit; Brian stated that it had been repaired and is available for use.

Pg. 2 Matters Arising – Chairs Report

David Evans reported that situation with 'Metro Cleaning' still remains unresolved; Sue agreed to contact Ian Taylor, manager of Metro Clean to request that he revisits the situation.

Pg. 3 Directors Report

Sue updated on the allocated budget for fencing for which the contract has been given to Bramalls, but are still planning and prioritising it.

Pg. 4 Any Other Business – Repairs to Communal Halls

Sue provided a list of all communal halls and areas managed by SLHD and advised that area offices are responsible for the usage of the halls, and that David Williams had been assessing them.

George mentioned that no feedback has been given on this issue and was still ongoing; Martin agreed to investigate the matter.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Martin reported that the recommendations from last year's inspection had been presented to the board for their information. As a next step on from the inspection SLHD is to apply to be included on a list to become 'developer' to enable them to build new properties.

A move away from Thorne and Conisbrough offices are imminent, but final decisions have not been made on new locations.

Martin also reported that the new HomeChoice lettings system is improving and the number of letting are starting to increase.

Frank suggested that the layout of the advert in the Free Press needs to be reviewed to make it more effective and eye catching; Sue to contact Rebecca Wilkie to discuss the suggestion.

SLHD was ahead of its spend for its Decency Programme at Christmas as actual expenditure was £21million as opposed to the anticipated spend of £18 million.

6. COMMUNITY LIAISON / DIVERSITY REPORT

Sue Bowie presented the January 2008 report from the two teams. Please see attached report.

Other points that were raised in relation to the Community Liaison report:

- David noted that Ennerdale TA was not on the list of associations that have completed 'Committee Skills' training;
- The 'English Classes' offered by SLHD are proving to be a huge success.

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no chair's report.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

'How to beat the burglar' Scheme

David Evans stated he was having difficulties contacting the appropriate organisation who visit TARAs to promote 'How to beat the burglar' scheme.

Martin suggested such schemes need to be invited to the tenants conference in April; Naz to follow up the proposal.

9. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 31st January 2008 at 2pm in the Haywood Room, Council House.