

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
26th July 2007 at 2.00pm
In the
HAYWOOD ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE

PRESENT

ST LEGER HOMES

Martin Musgrave	SLHD Chief Executive
Dave Willis	Community Liaison Manager

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

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

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	Chair
Sue Wilkinson	Treasurer
Lin Myers	
Ernie Plastow	
Ali Melli	
Ashkan Melli	

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Pg. 2 Matters Arising

Frank asked for an update about the Garden service, Dave reported that there had been a questionnaire sent out in January 2006 to the over 60's and disabled

tenants and included a question if they would be willing to pay a nominal fee between £1 - £3 for extra cuts (grass) in addition to the 6 cuts they receive per year. Up to a quarter of those who responded stated they would be willing to pay an extra fee but to date this has not been passed therefore is not in effect. But however the number of cuts per year had since increased from 6 to 8.

Pg. 3 Community Liaison Report

Mavis asked for an update about the progress of re-starting the Community House meetings; Dave gave a brief update and stated the first one had to be cancelled and are currently looking to set a new date.

Pg. 4 Any Other Business

Colin Leonard asked for further information and an update on the availability of smart water packs for tenants; Dave responded and stated that the CLO team are working through a list who have asked for the packs and to date have visited 25 tenants to introduce the packs to them. He also added that in order for tenants to receive a pack they must be visited in person and be shown a demonstration on how to use it.

Pg. 4 Any Other Business

Andy Kerr has for more details about the current situation about the SJC Budget; Naz stated that he is due to update a report he produced in November 2006, which will then be given to Judith Jones for review.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Martin Musgrave gave an update on the current situation and recent events in relation to the floods and estimated that approximately 400 SLHD properties had been damaged in some way.

All repairs were suspended and were only taking emergency repairs. But they are now getting slowly back to normality and the staff at the contact centre made all efforts to contact those that had appointment cancelled and apologised to those who were unable to be contacted.

Allocations are still suspended and have been so since 28th June 07 and possible up to a few more weeks. DMBC is to put 50 caravans in total on a site in the Toll Bar area to accommodate those affected by the floods. DMBC are responsible for managing the site and the caravans.

Martin also added that Sue Bowie who is the Temporary Assistant Director for Customer Service has been working on flood rated issues full time and will continue to do so until further notice. The flood control office is based at St Leger Court and has 5 full-time staff operating from it.

Frank asked if the buildings were covered by insurance; Martin replied that all properties were covered excluding contents and that acclim for all losses is due to be forwarded in December.

Linda Teasdale asked for details of all those affected by the flood as 'Mexborough Lions' have funds available to support those affected. Due to Data Protection

Martin advised Linda to send details of the Charity and would ensure all tenants affected by the flood would receive information about the fund and could contact them if needed to.

Martin said that SLHD had co-opted Betty Hull and Roger Haldenby as tenant members and have received 2 nominations from the North West and no nominations at all from the North East for the vacant positions on the board. Therefore an election will take place for a representative from the North West and the North East position will be re-advertised.

With reference to Decency Works, a report has been sent to DMBC for approval as amendments needed to be made due to the change in budget as previously it was expected to be £72 million and has been reduced to £55 million. In addition all properties are expected to have door and windows fitted by March 2008. SLHD has employed its own 'Occupational Health Workers' who prepare reports for those tenants / properties that may require adaptations as part of decency.

The staff that were due to be relocated from Council House, Stanley House and St Leger Court have now moved to the new premises on Ten Pound Walk - Unit 1.

Martin emphasised the importance to promote more widely the insurance scheme 'SIMPLE' to its tenants offered by SLHD.

6. COMMUNITY LIAISON / DIVERSITY REPORT

Dave Willis presented the report from the two teams. Please see attached report.

Other points raised in relation to the Community Liaison report:

- Dave reported that the Toll Bar TARA meeting due to take place on Friday 27th July had been cancelled.
- The 'Compact' is currently under review and will be re-launched at the Doncaster Federations AGM in March 2008.

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SJC ID Badges

Dave disseminated the final version of the ID badges for the SJC and asked for comments. Martin made a suggestion of increasing the size of the Expiry date on the badge.

SJC agreed and passed the design inclusive of Martins recommendation.

Health & Safety Report

Martin asked if he could arrange for a full Health & Safety report to be conducted for the Haywood Room; SJC agreed and Martin will follow it up.

Answer Phone Message

David Evans stated that he felt the greetings message pre-recorded by an SJC member was adequate for its purpose and did not need changing as previously requested by some members.

9. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 30th August 2007 at 2pm in the Haywood Room, Council House.

Meeting closed at 4.20pm.