

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 June 2008 at 2.00pm
In the
HAYWOOD ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE

PRESENT

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Lyn Ralph	Chair
Frank Knapton	Vice Chair
Mavis Williams	Secretary
Andy Kerr	Treasurer
Ernie Plastow	Committee Member
Keith Jobson	Committee Member
Linda Teasdale	Committee Member
Brian Naughton	Committee Member
Sue Wilkinson	Committee Member
Anne Leonard	Committee Member
Colin Leonard	Committee Member
Janet Martland	Committee Member
Maureen Tennison	Committee Member
Anne Pawson	Committee Member
Naz Hussain	Federation Support Officer (minutes)

ST LEGER HOMES

Martin Musgrave	Chief Executive
Rebecca Wilkie	Assistant Director Housing Management
Sue Bowie	Customer Services Manager
Meryl Liddell	Community Liaison Manager

1. WELCOME

Lyn Ralph opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. APOLOGIES

Ali Melli	Assistant Treasurer
Ashkan Melli	NDC POP Worker (Community Worker)
Judith Jones	Director of Customer Services
Paul Hopkinson	Director of Property Services
Trevor Lincoln	Director of Business Planning

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 mentioned that SmartWater stickers after decency works were still not reissued to the tenants in Skipwith Gardens. Sue Bowie agreed to chase up the matter and resolve it as soon as possible.

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Alison Clarke & Mishelle Beesley are to attend a Thursday morning consultation session on Thursday 31st July 2008 to discuss the plan for scheduled environmental works.

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Rebecca Wilkie provided an update about the fencing for Hallgate in Mexborough and stated that Dave Wilkinson is to arrange a visit for an estimate of costs to be gained. This request for fencing will be considered along with many other requests for fencing across the West Area from within the limited Estates Environmental Budget.

However, the funding is limited and needs to be prioritised to areas where there are significant problems of Anti-Social Behaviour, and this will have to be a consideration before funding can be committed to this fencing within this financial year.

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Sue Bowie stated that the training request made for health & hygiene, DIY course, web design and visits to the repair centre were passed on to the CLO team who are in the process of dealing with the requests.

Pg. 3 Any Other Business – TARA Support

Sue Bowie updated on the situation with the support given to Craganour Place and their AGM and stated that the previous Secretary and Treasurer had already informed the Chair (Jim Tierney) that they would like to stand for their respective roles and were elected (in their absence) into those roles.

The meeting had had to be cancelled on a couple of occasions previously as in one instance there were not enough attendees to hold the AGM and there was a second cancellation due to committee members commitments.

CLO team are now putting into place a process that offers extra support to TARAs, prior to the AGMs with additional assistance in the writing of the reports and financial statements, etc.

Pg. 3 Any Other Business – Estate Walks

Lyn stated that Dave Abbott attended a meeting with the SJC on Thursday 12th June 2008 and various issues concerning estate walks were discussed. Dave Abbott had agreed to design a pro-forma for a new more comprehensive report that feeds back on estate walks.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Rebecca reported that 34 properties in the Woodlands had to be evacuated due to asbestos. SLHD is working very closely with DMBC on resolving this situation as quickly and effectively as possible. A dedicated welfare had been set up to support all the tenants affected and mentioned that some of the tenants had been staying at the Regent Hotel until works was completed.

Rebecca updated that 48 properties in the Hyde Park area are to be taken back by DMBC from housing associations throughout August 2008. It was also highlighted that DMBC had recently achieved level 3 in equality standards,

Sue Wilkinson reported that there was a health and safety issues with the flats on Broomhouse Lane in Balby as their communal hall had open entrances thus attracting anti social behaviour and criminals. Martin urged such matters to be reported to the Police so it can be identified as a hot spot.

Colin Leonard expressed his gratitude on all the work carried out on The Oval in Conisbrough as the area has been dramatically revitalised. Frank also thanked SLHD for their grant of £400 towards the Knapton Gardens project.

Mavis added that the decency programme was very much needed and proving to be a great success but enquired when her walk in shower is to be fitted as it should have been fitted as part of the decency work. Naz agreed to follow the request up.

Anne Pawson enquired when the Highfields area was due to get decency work; Martin responded by stating work was expected to commence in January 2009 with the customer events taking place in September 2008.

Keith Jobson asked for more information about the repairs required for the overall pull cord system. Martin advised that this was **not** a SLHD service but agreed to look into the matter.

Keith also mentioned that his TARA (Middlegate) urgently required a local meeting venue; Lyn advised Keith to apply from the 'Community Pot' when it is set up, which has been formed by SLHD and partner contractors. Lyn agreed to feedback at the next meeting with an update on the development of this fund.

Janet Martland asked when non-traditional properties were planned to be completed under decency; Martin reported that such properties had been put to the back of the programme but work has started on the survey examining their conditions.

6. COMMUNITY LIAISON / DIVERSITY REPORT

Lyn Ralph presented the June 2008 report for the two teams. Please see attached report.

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

- Sue Wilkinson asked for any news on the development of a new TARA for Westbourne Gardens in Balby; Meryl to look into the matter.
- SJC asked for the CLO report to be sent to Dave Allot so it can put on the website; Naz to forward future reports.

- Nyssa Hird is the new Diversity Officer and is to start work on Monday 30th June 2008.

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no chair's report.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

9. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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