

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 OCTOBER 2006 at 2.00pm
In the
HAYWOOD ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE

PRESENT

ST LEGER HOMES

Ms S Bowie	Information & Involvement Manager
Mr N Hussain	Federation Support Officer (minutes)
Mrs L Milan	Company Secretary

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Mrs L Ralph	SJC Chair
Mrs M Williams	Vice Chair
Ms D Ashmore	Secretary
Mr F Knapton	Assis Secretary
Mr M Solomon	Assis Treasurer
Mr S Hall	SJC Member
Mr B Naughton	SJC Member
Mr C Leonard	SJC Member
Mr A Kerr	SJC Member
Mr E Plastow	SJC Member
Mrs L Teasdale	SJC Member

1: WELCOME

Lyn Ralph opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2: APOLOGIES

Ms L Myers	SJC Member
Mrs J Clarke	Assistant Director of Customer Services
Mr P Hopkinson	Director of Property Services
Mrs J Jones	Director of Customer Services
Mr M Musgrave	Chief Executive – St Leger Homes of Doncaster

3: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record proposed by Mavis Williams and seconded by Andy Kerr.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Pg. 2 Matters Arising

Brian Naughton said that he would be discussing the repair of the Mobile Display Unit with Linda Milan and will feedback.

Pg. 2 Directors Report

Lyn stated that there would be an explanation and further information about the free phone number for repairs in the next House Proud edition.

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Andy Kerr stipulated that gas checks are not carried out 12 monthly but are done annually, which can extend up to 13 months and asked why this was happening. Lyn agreed to arrange Steven Stokes (Gas Manager) to attend a future SJC consultation meeting to clarify and discuss this matter.

Mavis Williams added that the contractor 'PH Jones' are still not keeping to their allotted appointments for central heating issues.

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Mavis stated that the fly tipping problem was not caused predominately to the end of the 'Garden Force' project but is due to the demolished properties on Wells Road in Wheatley.

Diane Ashmore asked for an update on the gardens in Edlington, Sue Bowie agreed to check on the situation.

Pg. 6 Any other Business – New Signatories

Andy asked if new signatories were chosen and Lyn replied that they have and just need all new signatories to go the bank with I.D to officially become a signatory.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Linda Milan informed that the return rate for the customer survey was 44.56% of which 1,786 were returned from 4,000.

Reality Checks are expected to start from beginning of November and to cover areas such as decency, capital and empty homes. The remaining services will be done through mystery shopping.

Ernie Plastow asked if it has been decided yet as to how the Environmental Improvement Fund is to be spent. Linda Milan replied not as yet as the area board members will have a panel to decide and prioritise on requests received.

Andy stated that there are still tenants that are not fully clear about the decent homes programme and asked if SLHD could somehow make it clearer to the tenants the process involved.

Linda Milan added that each home is different in terms of reaching decency standard; therefore confusion can arise amongst the tenants. Linda was asked to investigate ways that to inform tenants that decency works is decided on the condition of each home and therefore neighbours could not compare the extent of the work within their home with others in the House Proud newsletter.

Mick Solomon stated that he is still receiving complaints on works done in Rossington (Wimpy Estate).

Mick to pass on details to Lyn to deal with the complaints.

The issue of Community skips was discussed as it was felt that there is still a need for them in the areas but there has not been funds to finance this activity as previously it was DMBC waste management who paid for them. However Lyn has forwarded a request to the Environmental Improvement Fund to fund skips in the West area and hopes the East Board will do the same.

6. CLO REPORT

Sue Bowie presented and discussed the October 2006 Community Liaison Report, as follows: -

Community Liaison Team Report to SJC – October 2006

TARAs

BACA TARA

It is holding its usual seasonal Halloween Disco for the children on Wednesday 25 October 2006.

Balby Littlemoor

The TARA recently had a speaker from the Aurora Centre, which is a local Charity Support Group, to give a talk at their October meeting and surprised the speaker by handing over a cheque to the Aurora Centre for £500 out of the profits made at the Party in the Park this year.

Cantley South

The installation of a safety handrail on the estate has now been completed. The CLO team also took the Mobile Display Unit (MDU) onto the estate on 12/10/06 to help generate interest and support for the TARA. This was a successful morning and it is hoped that the TARA will soon start holding meetings again.

Craganour (Denaby)

The Recycling Cycles initiative set up by the TARA is going from strength to strength. So far the group have recycled 28 cycles and donated them to youngsters on the estate. They are now looking into supplying cycling safety equipment and cycling proficiency training for the children.

The 'Craggy Kids' went on a bus trip to Blackpool and a good time was had by all apparently, in spite of a soaking towards the end of the day.

Darlington Grove

Unfortunately, due to recent events, some members of the TARA's committee have resigned leaving the group virtually without a committee. As a result, a meeting has been arranged to take place at The Winning Post Centre on Thursday 2nd November at 7:00pm to recruit new members into the TARA and onto the committee. It is hoped the evening will achieve it's objective as it is important, given that the estate is currently being reviewed under the regeneration process, that the TARA remains and the estate has its collective voice.

Gornies Hill (Mexborough)

The clearing of the piece of land in West Road is well underway and they are now looking at obtaining benches and fencing. The area will be dedicated to the two young people in the area who have recently tragically died. A hugely successful 'Jamming for Jamie' evening with a special appearance by a local pop star Graham Oliver has raised £1,200. The money raised on the night will go towards purchasing four benches and fencing.

Highwoods and Arnold (Mexborough)

Following the tragic road death of the young boy on the estate, the TARA are arranging for eight residents to undertake road safety training. Once trained they will be going into schools to teach the children road safety skills.

Kirkstone Close

The group have cancelled the November meeting as they are tripping off to the ice show on that day.

Woodfield

25th Oct Halloween party for mums and tots. There will be a Halloween Party on the 30th October for children 8-12 years

On the 26th they are also holding a Fun Afternoon with a bouncy castle, refreshments, jumble sale, face painting, tombola etc so it is a very busy month at the Community House.

Mexborough TARAs Together

The Committees of TARA's in the Mexborough area, Gornies Hill, Highwoods and Arnold, Morton and Chaucer Windhill, Mexborough Common and Poets Corner meet up every six weeks or so. It is an ideal opportunity for them to discuss what their individual TARA's are doing and certainly helps to pull their community projects together. The joint meetings are excellent meetings and are well worthwhile.

BME Focus Group Meeting

There was a positive response from members of the BME group to form a BME TARA at the BME Focus Group on Monday 2 October 2006. Out of the 25 members present, 12 volunteered to form a committee. The next meeting will take place on Monday 13 November 2006, at which they possibly will form a committee to enable development of the group.

Community Houses Group Meeting

Another successful meeting of the Community House Group took place on 04/10/06. During the meeting, Tracy Moore from Adult, Family and Community Learning gave a talk on the courses they can offer to groups. Jim Tierney also informed the group of Craganour TARA's new Re-cycling Cycling venture. The group are to now work with Karl and Lynn to help draw up the new Local Compact agreements for the Community Houses. The next meeting will take place at the Hyde Park Community House on Tuesday 14th November at 10:00am.

Mobile Display Unit

We have taken the MDU out 5 times during October:

02/10/06 - Maple Grove, Armthorpe, PM (CALM TARA)

05/10/06 – Marshland Road, Moorends, AM (Darlington Grove TARA)

12/10/06 – Goodison Boulevard, Cantley 6, AM (Cantley South TARA)

16/10/06 – Emmerson Avenue, Stainforth, AM (Prospective new TARA)

19/10/06 – Theobald Avenue, Hyde Park, AM (Hyde Park TARA)

Over the course of the 5 days we spoke to 78 people, from which we received 23 enquiries about starting new or joining existing TARA's and added 7 new names to the Menu of Involvement. We also received 3 compliments to only 1 complaint.

Again, the days were very successful, enabling us to engage with people who normally wouldn't give us their view and opinions and to help promote the local TARA's and raise their profile with the tenants and residents within their boundaries.

Thanks should go to Brian Naughton of the SJC, and the various members of the TARA's who joined Karl, Tom and Lynn at the MDU on the various days.

New TARA Interest

Interest has been shown in the setting up of a TARA at the Homestead, Bentley. Lynne is arranging a meeting with the people who have show an interest to explain the process and set it rolling. At the request of the locally elected members a meeting will be held after Tony Sockett returns from holiday at the beginning of November to discuss the work already undertaken in the area with the SNT.

The proposed Park Homes group at Mexborough have decided that they will hold off forming a TARA until they have sorted their own issues out on the Park Homes site.

The proposed TARA on The Oval, Denaby have not yet arranged a meeting for Lynn to go out and talk to them, but hopefully this will be arranged soon.

From The CLO report there was some points raised:

The Federation will need to consider revising their Constitution to include special interest groups.

Sue mentioned that the CLO team are looking to do some indoor events over the winter months to continue to promote SLHD and their services such as the 'compact' and the 'menu of involvement'.

Linda Milan added that SLHD have recently purchased a purpose-built indoor display unit that the SJC can use if it is suitable.

Also with reference to the repair of the MDU, Linda has spoken to Brian Naughton about this and is looking into the costs of refurbishing it, so that it suits our purposes more.

Sue also suggested that it could be useful to have a booking form for the MDU on the S drive to avoid double bookings.

7. CHAIRS REPORT

Lyn made available various reports / minutes of all meetings she has attended recently to update all SJC members.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

'Visit of Rotherham Federation'

Lyn mentioned on behalf on Martin Musgrave that Rotherham Federation would like to visit the SJC to share good practise. It was agreed that the 8th November would be a possible date to invite Rotherham's federation, but will need to be confirmed

9. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 30th November 2006 at 2pm in the Haywood Room, Council House.

Meeting closed at 4.20pm