

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
27th September 2007 at 2.00pm
In the
HAYWOOD ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE

PRESENT

ST LEGER HOMES

Christine Tolson	Assistant Director for Performance
Lynn Chamberlain	Community Liaison Officer

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Lyn Ralph	Chair
Mavis Williams	Secretary
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
Paul Hopkinson	Director of Property Services
Trevor Lincoln	Director of Business Planning
Sue Bowie	Information & Involvement Manager
Sue Wilkinson	Treasurer
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; Lyn reported that DMBC were in the process of paying £12,000 to the Federation.

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Brian Naughton clarified that draw was to take place on Thursday 25th October 2007 and not on 26th October as stated in the minutes.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

In the absence of the directors Christine Tolson was in attendance and was happy to answer / take any issues raised at the meeting.

Mavis asked for an update on the work carried out at Wheatley; Christine stated that work was underway at the moment to clear the land behind Beckett Rd. Lyn added that there was another theft of live copper piping from the rear of Beckett Rd shops therefore work needs to be completed urgently to help secure the area.

Andy asked why estate officers were not attending his TARA (Rossington Central) even though invites were sent out to them; Lynn Chamberlain said that the CLO team had been working to ensure each TARA had SLHD attendance. Christine agreed to look into the reasons for non-attendance.

Ernie enquired when SLHD were looking to achieving 3 stars so they can start to build new homes; Christine updated that the next inspection is to be around March / April 2009, but have already stated to work towards achieving 3 stars.

Lyn pointed out there had been ongoing issues with estate walks as TARA representatives were not getting any feedback and there were some who were not allowed to participate in them. The SJC was not happy with the current management of the estate walks and expected more consistency with them. Christine stated that feedback should be provided and that the walks were open to all and will investigate the issues raised.

Lyn asked when the SJC would be able to carry out 'Repairs Reality Checks', as currently they are involved in checking empty properties, decency, repairs and asbestos. Christine will look into the possibility of this and feedback.

Frank Knapton informed that an emergency 'Pathfinder' meeting has been arranged to discuss the findings of the TPAS report and requested SLHD representation at the meeting. The meeting is to take place on Monday 15th October 2007 at 2pm in the Mexborough Business Centre.

Linda Teasdale reported that the TARA's in Mexborough have agreed to work together to manage and utilise the Hall Gate Centre to help maximise its potential, but needed fencing off for security purposes. Christine agreed to follow up request.

Lyn asked if it was true that the sweeping of chimneys were due to be stopped due to decency; Christine stated she will ask Paul Elliott (Capital Team) and report back.

She also added that SLHD was involved in on-going work with 'solid fuel servicing' and felt they was progressing very well.

Brian enquired why demolition was proposed in Highfields, Lyn stated that it was through Pathfinder and not SLHD. A discussion ensued about the Pathfinder programme in Highfields and the SJC unanimously agreed to support the tenants / residents to ensure consultation takes place.

6. COMMUNITY LIAISON / DIVERSITY REPORT

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

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

- Pre-paid envelopes are to be sent out with the Joint Consultation minutes to all TARA's / TC's so any information / minutes could be sent in, which will enable the CLO Team to produce a more comprehensive monthly report.

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

Lyn stated she had compiled a report highlighting the 'cons' for 'introductory tenancies', which is to be used for consultation with the TARA's. As previously agreed SLHD officers are to be accompanied by SJC members to visit TARA's to ensure a balanced view is put forward.

Lyn enquired if the consultation was going to focus groups as well as TARA's; Christine agreed to find out.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Yorkshire & Humber Federation

Naz Hussain reported that the Rotherham Federation had arranged a meeting with the Yorkshire & Humber Federation to discuss the possibility of re-launching the regional Federation with support of the South Yorkshire Federations. The meeting is to take place on Monday 29th October 2007, 11am - 2pm in the RotherFed Office and have asked for Doncaster representation.

Mavis Williams, Lyn Ralph, Linda Teasdale, Frank Knapton and Naz Hussain agreed to attend.

TPAS Awards

Naz updated on the TPAS awards nominations and stated that 'Craganour Place TA' had been shortlisted for their 'Recycling Cycles' project. Bramall Construction had booked a table for 10 at the ceremony and would be allocating 4 spaces to the Federation. The SJC agreed to provide 2 spaces to Craganour representatives and Lyn Ralph and Mavis Williams to represent the Federation.

9. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26th October 2007 at 2pm in the Haywood Room, Council House.

Meeting closed at 4.00pm.