

**JOINT CONSULTATION MEETING**  
**Between**  
**THE STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**Of the**  
**DONCASTER FEDERATION of the TENANTS and RESIDENTS**  
**ASSOCIATIONS**  
**And**  
**ST LEGER HOMES of DONCASTER**  
**And**  
**DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Held on**  
**28 January 2010 at 1.00pm**  
**In the**  
**DONCASTER FEDERATION'S TENANTS' & RESIDENTS RESOURCE CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

**STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE**

Brian Naughton	Chair
Mavis Williams	Secretary
Andy Kerr	Vice-Chair/Treasurer
Maureen Tennison	Committee Member
Elaine Fleming	Committee Member
Kenny Barron	Committee Member
George Hardy	Committee Member
Michelle Healey	Committee Member
Jayne Tindall	Committee Member
Dave Maxey	Committee Member
Keith Jobson	Committee Member
Bob Snashall	Committee Member
Ernie Pastow	Committee Member

**ST LEGER HOMES / DMBC**

Judith Jones	Director of Customer Services of SLHD
Meryl Liddell	Community Liaison Manager
Lynn Chamberlain	SJC Support Officer (minutes)

**1. WELCOME**

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending followed by a run through of the housekeeping rules and introduced Lynn Chamberlain as the new temporary Admin Support Officer for the SJC.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Anne Pawson	Standing Joint Committee
Alan Cunningham	Neighbourhood Manager DMBC
Heather Coulthard	Neighbourhood Manager DMBC
Ian Fletcher	Housing Policy and Partnership Officer (SLHD)

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were passed as a true and accurate record.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

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Judith Jones explained that Heating Tickets could no longer be sold at the local shop, but could be obtained from Colonnades or the library and were trying to get the Leisure Centre on board as well. The CAMC have a small emergency supply, but this is not generally advertised. MT asked what was being arranged for people who could not access the above. JJ said that because of security reasons Sandbeck House could only keep a small supply for vulnerable people. ML explained that Julie Jablonski Zoe Muscroft and Vivien Binks are putting together a vulnerable person database

The Chair confirmed that the extra shelving would be put up the following week.

The Chair said that following the naming of the TRRC, the plaque would be put on the door (*now completed*).

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ML confirmed that the BME TARA do pay a fee for the monthly meeting, but in future will only be charged for the Training Sessions on a Tuesday.

JJ explained that Pete Jeffrey was putting together a programme for the Unity flats doors and that letters would be sent regarding colours for doors and would be programmed in for 2011.

The Cathedral Road long term void properties due for demolition will be handed back to SLHD by the 31 March. There was a delay with the valuations. Andy Rowe is leading on this.

MT informed the meeting that the coffee morning on the 6 February would be held at the TRRC. This is to help raise funds for the Mini Moto Project held in the Edlington area.

MT also queried whether Mexborough tenants looking for other properties still take priority when looking out of their area. JJ explained that if they were on the Platinum list then they would have priority, but if they were not under the Pathfinder scheme then they would not.

### **5. DIRECTORS REPORT**

JJ said that the report regarding Introductory Tenancies has gone through DMBC and the Scrutiny and confirmed by the Cabinet and now at next phase. Introductory Tenancies was a big issue but in no way would new tenants be disadvantaged when policy and procedures were put in place, but would bring in more security for tenants

and would not be an easy way to get rid of tenants. It would be independently reviewed by the Performance Team to bring in security for all tenants.

Regarding the painting of kitchens and bathrooms for senior citizens under the decency scheme, it was being assessed how much of an impact on the service it would be if the rest of the rooms were decorated. There could also be other people who are elderly or vulnerable who may also be included.

The lead officer for the inspection would be Dawson Noone. There will be a member of the inspection team at the February Board meeting to talk about the inspection.

SLHD will be speaking to the SJC regarding the 'out of hours' service, how to improve and what the cost implications will be. Suggestions of the use of libraries, or members of staff to use mobile phones from home have been put forward as ways that may help improve the out of hours service..

AK made the point that the Mayor was asking for 3% drop in Council Tax, would this be going ahead. It was suggested Heather Coulthard or Ian Fletcher may be able to confirm if this was to go ahead. The ALMO has been asked to put in a 5% saving this has been achieved without affecting frontline services. SLHD will continue to bring in efficiencies.

EP said he was pleased to see the good press write up regarding repairs. However, there seemed to be delay in reporting repairs and them being done because of not having spares in stock. JJ said that we would learn from that, but it was not possible to keep full stock of replacements.

AK said he felt old boilers should be replaced when decency work done to save on constant repairs. JJ would take this up with Mick Werritt to look at repairs history on boilers.

DM said that a tenant in his block of flats had still not had decorating vouchers from the completion of the decency work in his property. JJ said she would chase this up if he gave her the address.

## **6. COMMUNITY LIAISON / DIVERSITY REPORT**

ML said that the CLO report will go on to the Federation's Website and go to all members of the Board and DMBC. There were no AGM's in February. ML went through the CLO report. ML reminded TARA's to send information in to be included in the report.

The Chair asked about BigWord as Lynne Ralph had requested someone to come to SJC to explain. ML would arrange for them to come to an SJC meeting

## **7. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair said that 56 people attended the room naming, but was disappointed that other people had not visited, only two members of the Board had come, but the SJC did appreciate those that did.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

MT pointed out that JT and herself had attended at a Balby Bridge TARA meeting and they were surprised that they did not know about 'Unity in the Community' or about the raffle. ML replied that this had been the Theme of the Month several times and they should be aware.

MT due to the burglaries in Warmsworth Age Concern had been contacted and asked to attend the next TARA meeting, but unfortunately is unable to, the Crime Reduction Team have also been contacted. It has been arranged that one to one visits to tenants properties to discuss security in their homes. There is a meeting, Action Against Burglaries, on the 10 February, two sessions 9.30 am -12.30 pm or 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm for anyone in the community, lunch provided, but places have to be booked, There will also be a minibus from Doncaster Interchange, for more information contact Gary Wilson 01302 812345.

BS enquired if we could make links with TARAs in Hull as he had been to a meeting there. JJ said that we were looking at Hull and Barnsley re benchmarks and making closer links where they like SLHD had TPAS accreditations.

ML informed the group that a meeting of Federations Together Steering Group would be held at the TRRC on 16 March at which feedback from the launch event would be given. The next general meeting will be held in Barnsley in May. The topic of discussion will be how to understand the HRA fund. It was suggested to invite an officer from TSA to a future meeting of the SJC.

JT said that three more members of the C.A.T. TARA want to join the Committee. BN and GH were giving support. ML reminded JT that her mothers position as secretary needed to be confirmed at a full meeting of the TARA.

EP made the point he was aware of someone who moved from Highfields to Cantley and had put down wood flooring throughout because of violence in the home. When she had left the property the inspector had said that the floor was ok and in good condition but she had received a bill for £200 for its removal. JJ agreed that she would look into this. EF said she was aware of someone who had new carpets fitted in her home and when she moved she was told to rip them up otherwise she would be billed if SLHD took them out. JJ would also look into this.

DM enquired whether the SJC telephone number could be put into the Leaseholders booklet and this was agreed.

JJ informed the meeting that 54 South Street Highfields, where a tragic fire had taken place, was now ready for letting. The TARA will be informed and Pat Hagan who had been involved with the demolition. When the property is applied for the prospective tenant would be informed regarding the history of the property.

## **9. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 25 February 2010 at 1pm in the Doncaster Federation's Tenants' and Residents' Resource Centre, 40 St James Street, Balby Bridge, DN1 3BB.