

**JOINT CONSULTATION MEETING**  
between  
**THE STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE**  
of the  
**DONCASTER FEDERATION OF TENANTS' and RESIDENTS'**  
**ASSOCIATIONS**  
and  
**ST LEGER HOMES of DONCASTER**  
and  
**DONCASTER MBC**  
held on  
**29 July, 2010 at 1.00pm**  
in the  
**DONCASTER FEDERATION'S TENANTS' & RESIDENTS' RESOURCE CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

**STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE**

Keith Jobson	(KJ)	Vice-Chair
Ken Barron	(KB)	Committee Member
Michelle Heeley	(MH)	Committee Member
Moira Greaves	(MG)	Committee Member
Mavis Williams	(MW)	Committee Member
Ernie Plastow	(EP)	Committee Member
Bernadette James	(BJ)	Committee Member
Godwin Mudzimu	(GW)	Committee Member

**ST LEGER HOMES / DMBC**

Judith Jones	(JJ)	Director Customer Services – SLHD
Alan Cunningham	(AC)	Neighbourhood Manager DMBC
Meryl Liddell	(ML)	Community Engagement Manager - SLHD

**1. WELCOME**

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending followed by a run through of the housekeeping rules.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Susan Jordan	Chief Executive – SLHD
Andy Kerr	Chair
Anne Pawson	Committee Member
Bob Snashall	Committee Member
John Bartkus	Committee Member
Marion Baxter	Committee Member
Heather Saunders	Temp. Federation Support and Community Engagement Officer
Heather Coulthard	Neighbourhood Manager DMBC
Patrick Wilson	Cllr Central Ward – Portfolio Holder Housing

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

ML stated that the Community Liaison team were now known as the Community Engagement team.

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

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

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**PACT Meeting** - KB asked if there was any progress with SLHD & DMBC officers attending and suggested that if they did attend we may receive feedback from these meetings. JJ stated that we only a core amount of staff who have to attend a lot of meetings, we may need to formalise how many meetings we do attend. ML reported that we actively encourage 2 members of each TARA to attend these meetings and to then feedback to others. This is written in their Compacts. AC stated that although at first these meeting were Police led, they have now evolved into more of a community engagement meeting and there should always be a DMBC representative.

**BME Questionnaires** - GM asked what the questionnaire was about as he wasn't aware of it. ML explained that it was a borough exercise and the general trend seems to be that people wanted a Saturday morning meeting but there were no plans to change the meeting times at present. KJ asked if this was to be fed back to the BME Tara. ML replied yes.

**Estate Walks** - ML had been informed by Ian Bateman that there were no plans to change any of the estate walks and that all were on the SLHD website. If required a refresher could be sent out to Tara's reminding them by email of when the estate walks were taking place.

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KJ asked if there had been any progress with a DYTAG member wishing to join the Standing Joint Committee as a co-opted member. ML had not had chance to speak to Nyssa Hird yet as the meeting only took place yesterday. ML to report back at the next meeting.

**St Leger Support** – GM asked if there had been any more letters of support for SLHD to be given an extended offer of contract. KJ stated this was ongoing and would all be collated in a file then forward to DMBC. KJ stated he fully supports a 5 year contract and not a 1 year.

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KB & KJ had been and taken photographs of the demolition area in Mexborough as there were concerns over the rebuild. KJ had received an email from the Major but felt the Major would get a better "feel" of the area if he saw the photographs and would forward them to him. JJ suggested they speak to Patrick Wilson about their concerns.

KJ stated the cost of a new communal hall in Scawthorpe was extortionate. They were now looking at a smaller building and were in discussion with David Murdock and with support from Ed Milliband.

KJ asked if the Local Lettings Policies that were being investigated at The Crescent in Dunscroft could cause potential problems. JJ responded that they were 2 blocks of flats that were being considered for this which will give some flexibility. The policy would be specific to little pockets of stock that are causing problems. MW spoke of a similar policy that was for the flats at Intake a few years ago. JJ wasn't aware this and would look into it.

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GM asked what the Gas servicing scheme was and it was explained to him by JJ.

GM if it was true that the Tenants Service Authority was being disbanded. JJ stated that it was true at the time of the last meeting. Now it has gone to review. A letter had been received from Peter Marsh that the Tenants Service Authority was still in place and SLHD still had to get the reports finished. KJ informed everyone that the Resource centre was open on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August for this. ML explained all the different ways of getting tenants involved and stated that the report has to be with the TSA by the 1st of October. KJ stated that with the short time scale if the draft questionnaire is sent over tomorrow it will be looked at. ML thanked the SJC for their assistance.

## **5. DIRECTORS REPORT**

JJ reported that much had already been covered and spoken about already in the meeting.

The Anti Social Behaviour team were in place and were staffed by DMBC, The Police and SLHD. Cases were referred through the NAG & JAG process. 18 cases had been put forward to the panel. AC stated that the team was founded after finding other local authorities had these specialised teams and the team was not there for cases to be dumped on but cases had to go through a panel. It highlighted the vulnerable people in the community and was supporting them addressing their issues; however the downside of this was the removal of the ASBO's.

JJ gave an update of the funding impact on SLHD. At the moment we are waiting for the Comprehensive Spending Review to take place. As soon as any impacts are known it will be reported back.

KB asked if the new legislation regarding retirement age would have any impact on business. JJ responded we have to work within the legislation guidelines.

EP spoke of Woodlands area being awarded 1 million pounds of funding from the Big Lottery Fund and was there any indication of how the money would be spent. AC to find out and report back. (AC sent a document to be attached to the minutes for the next Joint Consultation Meeting after this meeting had finished).

KB asked what the position with Craganour community House was as they didn't seem to be any activity going on. ML stated it should be opening in August. JJ added that there had been a delay on the building works but the work was now ongoing and would a more updated position would be asked for.

## **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT.**

KJ asked if the SJC's photographs could be included in one of the Community Engagement Report's. ML replied yes.

MH would be attending the Middlegate TARA AGM, MW would attend Poets Corner AGM providing the CEO would collect her and drop her off at home when the meeting finished. Balby West's AGM would be discussed at the next SJC meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> August to decide who could attend.

ML went through the report for the month of July. There were no changes to be made to the document.

MH asked for it to be noted that 3 people from her TARA were still waiting for Committee Skills training. ML was aware of this.

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

In the absence of the Chair KJ informed everyone that over the last 2 weeks the area forums had taken place. At each meeting the members had been asked their preference on how many meetings to hold in the areas. The SJC will collate the findings and report back at the next meeting.

MH asked for dates of the next full councillors meeting as suspected the West Forum would fall on the same day. It was decided that the West Forum would be moved to the following week to accommodate this. JJ asked when considering where the forums would be held from a SLHD point of view that SLHD would only fund 2 forums per year in each area. KJ to discuss with the committee at the next meeting.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

ML informed the group that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Involvement day would take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Barnsley Northern College and that it was limited to 90 spaces. The event would be advertised as Theme of the month.

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

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 26th August at 1pm in the Doncaster Federation's Tenants' and Residents' Resource Centre, 40 St James Street, Balby Bridge, DN1 3BB.

**NB: Information below was provided by Alan Cunningham after the meeting had finished regarding the Big Lottery Fund as requested by Ernie Plastow.**

The **Big Lottery Fund in England** is investing up to £200 million in 100 – 150 urban and rural neighbourhoods. The neighbourhoods selected have been chosen because they have been overlooked for funding previously. Thurnscoe in Barnsley and Woodlands in Doncaster are amongst the first 50 areas to benefit.

The local funding schemes aim to enable people to make their communities better places to live in. BIG is looking for organisations to help run the Trust. They want to support a partnership that will:

- Manage the Trust's endowment
- Distribute it through local funding schemes
- Help them to share learning and effective practice among themselves
- Promote the programme's achievements and lessons to policy makers, funders and neighbourhoods.

Organisations wishing to apply must express interest in the programme by **19 August 2010**, and submit a proposal by **23 September 2010**. Potential applicants can find out more information about applying, including guidance notes to check whether they are eligible, on the Big Local Trust's website.

**Strictly embargoed until 00:01 Tuesday 27 July 2010**

## **LOTTERY PUTS BIG TRUST IN BARNSELY AND DONCASTER**



**At least £1 million of lottery good cause funding is to flow into both the Woodlands area of Doncaster and the Thurnscoe area of Barnsley, as the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) announces the first 50 areas across England to benefit from its Big Local Trust programme.**

**BIG is investing up to £200 million over the next ten years to help turn up to 150 urban and rural neighbourhoods into better places for everyone to live.**

The targeted neighbourhoods have all been selected following extensive analysis and discussion and are all places where people face many social obstacles and have a history of difficulty in obtaining resources, including funding from BIG, to help overcome them.

**Vanessa White, Big Lottery Fund Head of Region for Yorkshire and The Humber,** said: 'The Big Local Trust is a dedicated Lottery funding stream to help people in neighbourhoods such as Woodlands and Thurnscoe to identify local issues and to develop the skills and confidence necessary to change things for the better.

'We hope that by securing funding for the long-term and by offering a commitment to providing dedicated local support, the Big Local Trust will bring lasting positive changes to Woodlands and Thurnscoe and their residents.'

An independent charitable trust will be set up to run the programme and today BIG is calling for expressions of interest from organisations who wish to apply to run the Trust. Organisations interested in becoming a Trustee are being asked to contact BIG by Thursday 12 August 2010.

In the meantime BIG will be working with a wide range of local organisations in each of the first 50 neighbourhoods. At least 50 more areas across England will be selected by BIG in the next 12 to 18 months to benefit from the programme.

The programme builds on BIG's commitment to pioneering flexible, long-term and locally determined approaches such as the Fair Share programme, which since 2002 has been investing £50 million in 80 neighbourhoods across the UK.

For a full list of areas please visit: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/Big\\_localtrust](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/Big_localtrust)

**More follows...**

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Full details of the Big Lottery Fund programmes and grant awards are available on the website:

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

### **Notes to Editors**

- The **Big Lottery Fund (BIG)**, the largest distributor of National Lottery good cause funding, is responsible for giving out half the money raised for good causes by the National Lottery.
- BIG is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need and has been rolling out grants to health, education, environment and charitable causes across the UK since June 2004. The Fund was formally established by Parliament on 1 December 2006.
- Since the National Lottery began in 1994, 28p from every pound spent by the public has gone to good causes. As a result, over £24 billion has now been raised and more than 330,000 grants awarded across arts, sport, heritage, charities, health, education and the environment.

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