



West Area Forum Minutes

Minutes of Meeting:

Date: 5 July 2010

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Tenant's and Resident's Resource Centre

Present:

Michelle Heeley (Chair)-	Latin Gardens & Emley Drive TARA
Sandra Holland -	DMBC Councillor
Kevin Rodgers -	DMBC Councillor
Heather Saunders -	DFTRA - Temp. Federation Support Officer
Maureen Tennison -	Edlington Royal TARA
Elaine Fleming -	Howbeck Drive (Edlington) TARA
Roy Lund -	Mexborough Common TARA
Mary Mayhew -	Oval TARA
Carol Sellars -	Oval TARA
Frank Knapton -	Poets Corner TARA & Mexborough TARAs Together
Lindsay Clarke -	St. Leger Homes (Community Liaison Officer)
Helen Kilshaw -	St. Leger Homes of Doncaster
Mick Werritt -	St. Leger Homes of Doncaster – Director Property Service
David Wilkinson -	St. Leger Homes West Estate Manager
Joan Robinson -	Windhill TARA
Emma Ward -	Windhill TARA

Apologies:

Ken Barron -	Poets Corner TARA
Linda Teasdale -	Poets Corner TARA & Mexborough TARAs Together
Elsie Butler -	DMBC Councillor
Chris Mills -	DMBC Councillor
Craig Salmon -	DMBC Councillor
David Holland -	DMBC Councillor
Rodger Haldenby -	St. Leger Homes Board Member

Item No	Item	Action
	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>Michelle welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked group to introduce themselves.</p>	
1.	<p><u>Health and Safety</u></p> <p>Michelle advised the members of the meeting that in the case of fire, the fire exits were located to the rear of where she was seated or through the double doors, through the kitchen (Please mind the step as it is steep)</p> <p>The toilet facilities are located through the double doors and straight through the door at the end of the office</p>	

2.	<p><u>Minutes Accuracy</u> Page 2 Maureen Tennison informed the meeting that she represents the Edlington Royal TARA as a committee member (treasurer) and is a tenant member of Coronation Area TARA, Warmsworth.</p> <p>Frank Knapton wished to know who had completed the minutes as they were very good and well presented. The meeting was advised that Heather had done this work. Members of the meeting congratulated Heather on the minutes.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Matters Arising from Last Meeting</u> Page 2 <u>Parking at Coronation Gardens</u> Dave Wilkinson advised the members of the meeting that an initial consultation has now taken place. It has become clear from these consultations that the residents on Coronation Gardens do not want any of the trees removed. Dave mentioned that there may be the possibility of installing some dropped kerbs on the estate. Maureen asked if it would be possible to number the parking bays to represent the numbers of the bungalows, as this would ensure that there was only one parking bay per tenancy. Dave Wilkinson did not know if this would be possible. Maureen asked if there was now a planned start date for the work to begin to which Dave replied not at this present moment.</p> <p><u>Call Prices</u> Frank Knapton asked if there had been any feed back with regards to the calling costs from mobiles to the repairs centre. Mick Werrit advised that Jackie Linacre is currently working on the issue.</p> <p>Page 3. <u>Conisbrough Decency Works</u> Carol Sellars thanked the councillors for the work they had done on behalf of the Oval TARA. They have now been advised that the decency works will be carried out in 2013.</p> <p>Frank Knapton asked if there had been any further information with regards to future funding for the decency programme. Mick Werrits personal opinion is that those ALMOS already on board with the decency programme will continue to be financed, however, it may be a different situation for those who are newly applying for money.</p> <p>Page 4. <u>Windhill Estate TARA</u> Joan Robinson informed the members of the meeting that dates had now been set for repairs on the estate (mid July). She expressed both her personal thanks and that of the TARA to Ken Barron who had worked tirelessly on behalf of the community.</p> <p><u>Environmental Programme</u> Mick Werrit advised the members of the meeting that he had looked into the issue of external painting and maintenance on Dryden Road. Tracey Leyland had been called by Kev Fisher advising her that there is a new external painting programme that will be rolled out over the next five years. When the details are confirmed they will be published.</p>	

	<p><u>Japanese Knotweed.</u> Frank Knapton advised the members of the meeting that the problems on Morton Road had now been dealt with. He also recommended that the potential nightmare of Japanese Knotweed be highlighted in a future edition of HouseProud. A discussion was also held stating the best way in which to report problems with regards to the weed. Dave Wilkinson advised that the best course of action is to contact the local Estates Officer, who I will in turn source a price. Individual Tenants should not remove and dispose of the Knotweed as it is a licensed removal.</p> <p>Page 6. <u>Fire Safety at Oval – Conisbrough</u> Carol Sellars would like to thank Ken Barron for the work he did with regards to Fire Safety at the flats situated on the Oval. Mark Kenworthy has visited the site and the TARA are satisfied with the information he provided.</p> <p><u>Earth Centre</u> Carol Sellars advised the members of the meeting that an expression of interest has now been submitted by RTT on the Earth Centre.</p> <p>RTT are attempting to get a local community group together to strengthen their case.</p> <p>Cllr Sandra Holland explained to the members of the meeting that the site has been marked as an employment site. This clarifies that the land should not be used for housing.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Managers Report</u> Dave Wilkinson – The Audit Commission Inspection is now completed. On the face of it the general feeling is positive – but the result will not be published until October.</p> <p>There is also going to be a move around with Estates Officers in the West of the borough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denaby East - Amy Nettleship • Denaby West - Jean Crump • Mexborough East - Sharon Mannion • Mexborough West - Moira Doone • Edlington / Warmsworth - Murray Hall • Conisbrough / Scawsby / Cusworth / Sprotbrough / Barnburgh / Adwick -on -Dearne - Andrea Stones <p>Maureen Tennison asked Dave Wilkinson if there was still a problem with regards letting properties in the Denaby area. Dave advised the members of the meeting that letting properties in the Denaby had not been an issue for a number of years now.</p> <p>Sandra Holland added that there are still a few problem pockets and although there have been problems in the past, the area now has a much more positive feel in places such as Woodlands Way, Lincoln Close and Manor Court.</p> <p>Concern was raised with regards to the flats that were still boarded up in the area. These had been formerly used by the homeless section. However, they were not currently in use Dave Wilkinson</p>	

	<p>explained that Kerry Brentnall and her team were currently looking into this issue and a resolution should be in place in the near future.</p> <p>Mick Werrit - Mick informed the members of the meeting that the inspection team had now left site. There are still a few remaining issues that need to be resolved and the inspection team are awaiting responses. Mick said that the inspection team had thanked everyone for the warm welcome they had received whilst on site. The final result will be available in October.</p> <p>Frank Knapton enquired about fencing on the estates. Mick advised the members of the meeting that environmental monies through the decency programme do cover this issue but the question now is, should monies also be able to be diverted elsewhere? A consultation has been held and will be fed back to the council. Fencing at Coniston Court was completed by SLHD from a separate budget.</p> <p>Michelle Heeley raised the issue regarding fencing at Grainger Close, Edlington. Maureen Tennison added that there is a lot of ASB. The chair of Edlington Royal has complained. There have been site visits and they have said it has to be proved to be anti-social. DW was asked to take the issue up.</p> <p>Murray has quotes for drying areas to be completely. Elaine asked why this had not been fed back to all people concerned. Dave Wilkinson advised the members of the meeting that he now believed the order had been placed.</p>	
	<p><u>Performance Indicators – Helen Kilshaw</u></p> <p>Helen provided each member of the meeting with a copy of the performance indicators for April and May. (please see the enclosed)</p> <p>Helen added that at the next forum she would include feedback with regards to percentage of calls answered within target time – this will be fed back verbally rather than as additional indicator</p> <p>Helen advised the members of the meeting that the figures for the ASB included everything whether it be reactive or pro active. Percentage of calls answered in 18 seconds – to be included (2nd PI down).</p> <p>Mick Werritt stated that the inspectors say that St Leger Homes deal very well with ASB with their proactive and reactive approach.</p> <p>Carol Sellars commented on the performance indicator and made reference to an ongoing issue on the Oval Estate a consistent rubbish nuisance at a property in Conisbrough. Lisa has attempted to resolve issues but the tenant is very bad tempered. Dave Wilkinson confirmed that if Carol provided him with the address, he would look into the situation.</p> <p>Helen has been working with Mick Werrits team on a new suite of reports so we can drill further down into issues. Mick confirmed that this work had been done in partnership with the council.</p>	<p>DW</p>

	<p>The members of the meeting were asked to vote on whether they would like to continue with every other meeting being held out in the areas. The decision was unanimous that the scheme should continue.</p>	
	<p><u>Chair's Report</u> Michelle Heeley informed the members of the meeting of a new initiative that will be rolled out in the West of the borough.</p> <p><u>School Safety Campaign</u> PCSO Scott Christie has designed a poster that is going to be used outside each junior school in the area (25). Edlington Royal TARA will lead on the initiative and collect any monies donated. A few TARAs in the west have already promised to support the initiative – Edlington Royal, Coronation Area (Warmsworth), Latin Gardens & Emley Drive (Scawsby) and Howbeck Drive (Edlington). A funding bid has also been put to St. Leger Homes for a total of £1160.31.</p> <p>The posters will be 2m x 1m of PVC construction and with cord to enable easy installation.</p> <p>Any extra monies will be used to provide promotional merchandise to school pupils.</p> <p>Members of the meeting were asked if they would like to support the scheme financially. Windhill and The Oval TARA provisionally agreed to offer assistance but would like to take it back to their own meetings to decide on amount.</p> <p>Maureen Tennison agreed that all TARAs who support the initiative will be updated on the project and be advised of monies raised.</p> <p>Michelle Heeley informed the meeting that Cllr. Bill Mordue will be contacting Trevor Hepinstall to try and gain funding.</p> <p>Cllr. Kevin Rodgers agreed to speak to local parish councils and supply Maureen Tennison with their contact details.</p> <p>Cllr. Sandra Holland informed the members of the meeting that she is due to attend a meeting at Station Road School in Conisbrough in early September. She will try and gain additional funding here.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>SH</p>
	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Michelle Heeley informed the members of the meeting that Frank Knaption had recently been awarded an MBE. The members of the meeting congratulated Franks for both his award and his services to the community.</p>	
4	<p><u>Date & Time of Next Meeting</u> Monday 6th September 2010 – 10:30am Venue TBC</p>	