

**Minutes of the North East Forum Meeting
4th June 2008, 10.30am
In The Haywood Room**

Present

Brian Naughton	CALM TARA / SJC	(Chair)
Mary Menton	CALM TARA	
Dennis Wall	Thorne South TARA	
Ken Barley	Thorne South TARA	
Iris Nicklin	Church Balk TC	
Sheila Allen	Church Balk TC	
Tom Cunningham	SLHD - Community Liaison Officer	
Meryl Liddell	SLHD	
Alan Hindson	SLHD	
Margaret Butler	SLHD	
Lynette Jenkins	SLHD	
Jonathan Exley	DMBC Neighbourhoods	
Naz Hussain	Federation Support Officer	(Minutes)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Brian Naughton opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Michael Wilson	Oldfield Crescent TARA
David Smith	Oldfield Crescent TARA

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were read and passed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

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Tom asked if work was still ongoing on the drains around Lord St and Queens Crescent in Stainforth. Alan Hindson responded that the area was still being looked into and dealing with ongoing issues such as fly tipping and sewage problems and were working closely with DMBC on it.

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Dennis Wall asked why the problems with the roads in his area (Oldfield Rd & Whitegate Rd) were not identified by the recent estate walk as they were unsafe; Alan agreed to look into the matter.

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Brian enquired if the Police had been invited to attend the forum meetings; Naz stated he would invite them to the next one.

5. Managers Report

St Leger Homes Of Doncaster (SLHD)

Alan Hindson reported that there was no further news on the relocation from Thorne Hall to new premises but the new name for the office has been decided and is to be called 'Bridge Street'.

Alan then took some personal repairs queries from members of the forum on decency and agreed to look into them, but emphasised that all repairs need to be reported through the Repairs Calla centre to ensure they are logged.

Hindson reported that SLHD were re-aligning their areas to fall in line with Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) and to make their services more efficient. They are looking to move to five areas and there will be changes to the management structure and added that five managers will be recruited with each one given an area of work.

Community First

Jonathan Exley of DMBC Neighbourhoods asked for any issues relating to his team / organisation to take back and look into.

Various issues were flagged up, which Jonathan agreed to follow up including:

- Tree on Coventry Rd needs looking at as is causing damage to the ground;
- Tree on Polton Close needs cutting back as is blocking the light from the street lamps;
- Grass verge by Oldfield Rd has been damaged by vehicles working in that area when fixing a burst pipe.

6. Performance Indicators

Margaret Butler discussed the various monthly performance figures for the North East for March 2008 and updated the Performance file, which is located within the Haywood Room.

Margaret disseminated the performance information document and discussed each figure detailed. In addition as previously requested feedback on waiting list through the break down of the bands was also provided.

7. Chairs Report

Brian explained that St Leger Homes of Doncaster have recently reviewed and split the Borough into five housing services areas, in order to make their services more efficient. Therefore to ensure our area forums are in line with these changes we will also have to move to five area forums. The North East area is now to be referred as the 'East' and is to include all the existing associations and clubs in the North East. But also added that 3 TARAs from the South area would form part of the new forum and they are:

- Cantley 1,2 & 3 TARA
- Radburn Estate TARA
- Rossington Central TARA

It was decided to call the forum the 'East & South Housing Area Forum'.

Brian also welcomed and introduced the newly appointed Community Liaison Manager Meryl Liddell. Meryl explained she would be supporting the CLO team and is currently meeting various groups across the borough. Her contact number is 01302 8662281 / 07979212788.

8. Any Other Business

Thorne Hall Telephone Lines

Alan reported that all tenants in the North East area would be receiving a letter explaining that Thorne Hall currently has only access to two numbers due to circumstances beyond their control. The numbers are 01302 735490 and 01302 735923.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 6th August 2008, 10:30am in The Haywood Room.