

Minutes of the North West Forum Meeting
3rd April 2007, 10.30am
In The Haywood Room

Present

Ernie Plastow	SJC / Model Village TARA	(Chair)
Rosemary Lambert	Woodlands New Estate TARA	
Mary Paton	Woodlands New Estate TARA	
Harold Trickett	Kirkstone Close TA	
Kath Trickett	Kirkstone Close TA	
Dave Wilkinson	St Leger Homes (SLHD)	
Sarah Lee	St Leger Homes (SLHD)	
Naz Hussain	Federation Support Officer	(Minutes)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Ernie Plastow opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Helen Killshaw	St Leger Homes (SLHD)
Lynne Harrison	St Leger Homes (SLHD)
Dave Abbott	St Leger Homes (SLHD)
Barbara Powell	SARA TARA
Marilyn Green	North Doncaster Development Trust

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were agreed and passed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising

Pg 1 – Mary Paton stated that skip day was a great success and asked when the next one will be, Dave Wilkinson stated that previous skips were agreed through the Environmental Improvement Fund and was not sure for next year's expenditure of the fund.

Pg 1 – Ernie enquired about the latest developments on Lawn Avenue, Rosemary Lambert replied that all work was on hold at the moment. Dave agreed to contact Kerry Wilkinson to look into the matter.

Pg 2 – Ernie reported that the two missing manholes identified on a previous walkabout still had not been replaced. Sarah Lee stated that all Estate Officers should report back on all walkabouts. Ernie asked if copies of all reports could be sent to the Haywood Room, Dave to look into it.

Pg 2 – Harold Trickett stated that after an inspection of Kirkstone Community Hall work still has not been done, Sarah agreed to investigate the matter.

Pg 3 – Harold reported that he and Kath Trickett came runners-up at the recent 'Tenants & Residents' Day' and was congratulated by all at the meeting.

5. Manager's Report

Dave stated that SLHD are to employ more staff, which will show be visible change in areas, as more issues will be flagged up and dealt with more effectively.

Various performance figures were discussed for the month of February in relation to the North West borough of Doncaster (see attached sheet).

Dave reported that each quadrant has now got dedicated estate caretakers in place known as 'Estate Management Assistants'.

Kath said that fencing was supposed to be put up on Kirkstone Close last June but to date nothing has happened. Dave replied by stating the schedule may have changed and will need to chase it up.

Ernie asked if there were any future plans for the boiler-house sites in Woodlands and tenants should be consulted on it.

Dave responded and informed Ernie that Kerry Wilkinson was in the process of conducting an audit of all land / garage sites and area waiting the results of that before any developments can take place.

6. Chairs Report

With the absence of Helen Killshaw, this was covered in the Managers Report.

7. Chairs Report

Ernie stated that the monthly CLO Report to the Standing Joint Committee doesn't have enough information put forward from TARA's in the North West. Therefore urged for all TARA's to pass information about the work they are doing to the CLO team.

Naz Hussain added that Lynne Harrison was the CLO for the North West.

8. Any Other Business

ASDA

Mary reported that the recently opened 24 hour Asda Warehouse in Woodlands was causing a lot of problems (late night noise) and that it has proposed for more space for lorries and trailers.

Through the TARA a letter of complaint has been sent and a meeting with Environmental Health has taken place, but no real solution has come of it as yet.

Dave suggested contacting planning to help identify any restrictions that could be imposed.

Smoke Alarms

Kath reported that there were continuous problems with the smoke alarms going off on Kirkstone Close creating a constant noise. Previously the resident warden used to reset it and that no one came from Central Support. Eventually SLHD came out and sorted out the problem.

Kath asked who could replace batteries for the alarms, as some elderly cannot do it for themselves, Dave replied and informed that Gary Dixon can do it, who is also known as the 'man in the van'

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th June 2007 at 10.30am in The Haywood Room.

Meeting closed at 11.35am.