

North West Forum Meeting

1 April 2008, 10:30am

Haywood Room

Present

Tracy Ager	Team Leader, North-West
Frank Knapton (Chair)	SJC / Morton & Chaucer Road TARA
Ernie Plastow	SJC / Model Village TARA
Henry Mooney	Campsall TARA
Carol Bailey	Toll Bar TARA
Richard Bailey	Toll Bar TARA
Len Thomas	Trafalgar Estate TARA
Jack Parks	Trafalgar TARA
David Evans	SJC / Ennerdale TARA
Rosemary Lambert	Woodlands New Estate TARA
Mary Paton	Woodlands New Estate TARA
Len Morgan	Woodlands Central TARA
Harold Trickett	Kirkstone Close TARA
Keith Jobson	Middlegate TARA
Alex Riggans	Highfields TARA
Alan Chadwick	Highfields Tara
Charlotte-Rebecca Graves	SLHD – Minute Taker
Lynne Harrison	SLHD – Community Liaison Officer

1. Welcome and Introductions

Frank Knapton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, he stated he was standing in for Ernie Plastow to Chair the meeting.

2. Apologies

Claire Trigger	SLHD Estates Officer
Kath Trickett	Kirkstone Close TARA

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were deemed as inaccurate as the following were not included:

- Henry Mooney: The Wellingtonia Drive Communal Hall – enquiries as to where to go for funding were not included.
- Len Thomas did not attend the last meeting, but he was shown on the attendance list. Apologies for himself and Jack Parks were given but not shown.

Apart from these they were correct, approved by Harold Trickett and seconded by Carol Bailey.

4. Matters Arising

Pg 1 – Rosemary Lambert reported that works on Lawn Avenue were completed.

Pg 1 – Concerning the external notice board that Mary Paton had been enquiring about for erection outside Circuit House, they managed to get the funding themselves from SLHD's TARA development fund, £500 in total. However it was brought up that there are concerns of SLHD staff not returning calls.

Pg 2 – Harold Trickett mentioned that the "Smart Water" scheme had been completed for the tenant on Kirkstone Close, however a private occupant on Piping Lane now also needs it. Lynne Harrison advised that this occupant is to liaise with Nancy Higgins and Harold Trickett is to pass along the communication details.

Pg 2 – There was an increase of dog litterbins on Kirkstone Close and these have proved effective.

5. Manager's Report

Tracy Ager provided updates about "Clean Up" Days, and mentioned that this has been a success in Highfields and Woodlands and that this would be continuing across other areas, week commencing 10 May 2008. Tracey also asked that tenants find a place to locate skips in their areas on their "Clean Up" days please.

Keith also asked Tracy about the budgets for a skip for which they had applied. Tracey will enquire as to whether it will be coming out of the new financial year's budget.

Tracy was also asked to get in touch with Doncaster Re-Furnish for any furniture that can be recycled as mentioned by Keith.

David Evans mentioned that if anyone has any old tyres to be re-cycled, that he has use for them in the canal at Barnby Dun.

6. Performance Indicators

Helen Kershaw did not attend to report on these.

7. Chair's Report

There was none.

8. Any Other Business

Carol Bailey reported that the residents from Toll Bar who have been living at Askern are now back in Toll Bar, the Communal Hall will hopefully be

ready for use in May, however she mentioned that volunteers are needed to help get it ready.

Carol also mentioned that she is unhappy with the on site service in Toll Bar, and that they have not been checked upon in their re-furnished homes. Carol pointed out that there are some problems with the houses (water leaks etc) and that the on- site staff are not readily available. Lynne Harrison advised that the final meeting will help solve these problems, and has also provided her with James Caswell's details (Decency Project Manager).

Rosemary Lambert mentioned that the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) was an excellent investment and it is being well used. Lynne added that the Woodlands New Estate TARA has been short-listed for the "Best Achieving TARA".

Jack Parks requested that the Trafalgar House in Carcroft needs a new sign for the outside of the building. Frank Knapton advised him to contact the DMBC Road Signs to get clearer signage for the road, and to try and renovate the sign already up.

Jack also stated that the "No Ball Games" sign on Borrowdale Close is unnoticeable and can it be moved to a more visible place? Tracy will investigate.

Jack referred to Trafalgar House and enquired whether the internal door to the warden's flat can be sealed off as there is no longer a warden living there, however there is a tenant in the flat. Tracy will liaise with a Surveyor and arrange a visit.

Henry Mooney enquired whether there should be chains on the back doors of 10 – 74 Beech Road as well as the front doors, as presently there are none. Tracy to look into this.

David Evans also mentioned that some "Smart Water" stickers need replacing, as due to having no back door chains tenants are feeling vulnerable to burglary.

Henry Mooney referred to Wellingtonia Communal Hall, stating that it is in a poor state of repair:

- No disabled facilities
- Out of date electrics
- Fungi in the toilets
- Gas meter in the ladies toilets

Tracy agreed to have a surveyor to go out and check on site.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3 June 2008 at 10:30am in the Haywood Room.