

**Minutes of the South East Forum Meeting
21st March 2007, 10.30am
In The Haywood Room**

Present

Mavis Williams	SJC / Wheatley C.A.N TARA	(Chair)
Diane Ashmore	SJC / Balby Bridge TARA	
Andy Kerr	SJC / Rossington Central TARA	
Cyril Ball	Cantley TARA	
Rose Beardmore	Balby Bridge TARA	
Christine Chesley	Balby Bridge TARA	
Freda Dyer	Wheatley C.A.N TARA	
David Evans	SJC / Ennerdale TARA	
Jonathan Simms	Intake High Rise TARA	
Bev Musgrave	Intake High Rise TARA	
Alan Hindson	SLHD	
Naz Hussain	Federation Support Officer	(Minutes)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mavis opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Karl Chapman	St Leger Homes (SLHD)
Alan Fielding	Ennerdale TARA
Ted Wilburn	Clay Lane TARA

3. Minutes of last meeting

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

4. Matters arising

Pg 1 – Cyril Ball stated that the new 'silent carers' system should have been operational by now but DMBC had to delay it and are now looking to launch it in June 07.

5. Managers Report

Alan Hindson reported that the team currently based in Council House would be relocating in the summer, possibly near White Rose Way. Thorne Hall is due for closure sometime in either August or September therefore Alan will be moving to Rossington in approximately 3 weeks.

The audit inspection will officially start on Monday 26th March till Thursday 5th April, but information is already is being reviewed. The pre-inspection meeting with the management of St Leger Homes went well.

Mavis added that the Doncaster Federation (SJC) is due to have their focus group meeting with the inspectors on Thursday 29th March at Stanley House.

Alan mentioned a few key dates with reference to the audit inspection:

- 7th May 07 - Draft report from Inspectors;
- 24th May 07- Meeting with Senior Management Team;
- 1st Jun 07 - Result of inspection declared.

The achievement of reaching stars from the inspection is of great importance, as it will mean SLHD getting approx. £62 million a year for spending on Decency works to all Council homes.

Alan pointed out that letters informing tenants of decency programme to be carried out at their properties have gone out, subject to achieving 2 stars.

Cyril asked if decency would be done by area; Alan replied yes, where possible, but the programme is still to be finalised. Those that are part of the first years programme have been notified and surveyed. SLHD are looking to send the finalised Decency Programme to all tenants.

Diane Ashmore enquired about the team or person that makes the decision on the programme for decency. Alan stated that SLHD have a dedicated Decency Team who do all the planning and are based at Stanley House.

Jonathan Simms asked if the work will be done at one time; Alan replied that they are looking to complete all work in one hit, as long as tenant is satisfied with that process.

David Evans questioned if senior citizens will be prioritised and done first. Alan reported that this was discussed and considered, but have not agreed as yet.

6. Maintenance Report

No Report.

7. Chairs Report

No Report.

8. Any Other Business

Car Parking

Diane reported that is a growing problem with tenants parking their vehicles illegally on roads and on verges even though it is a breach of their Tenancy agreement.

Alan stated that it was continuous problem and SLHD area ware of it, but do not have absolute power to restrict it. He also added that 5% of the Decency

budget will be allocated to environmental works and car-parking issues will be addressed.

Untidy gardens

Mavis asked if the Council or SLHD has any authority to act on untidy gardens of private tenants; Alan replied that the Environmental Services can take action and a 'Janet Szlamp' would be a good contact to report such matters.

Fly Tipping

Cyril reported that fly tipping is becoming a problem particularly in the Cantley area and asked if anything was getting done about it. Alan said that the Estate caretaker teams would look into such incidents in their areas.

Pets

Bev Musgrave raised an issue about tenants residing in high-rise flats keeping dogs, as it is not allowed. Alan agreed and stated it was breach of the tenancy agreement and reported that SLHD were currently investigating a number of such cases with a view to taking action.

Speeding Calming Measures

David asked for speeding calming measures to be put into place on Fenhurst Rd as it was being used a short cut for many motorists. Thus has become increasingly busier and dangerous.

Mavis stated that a 'Neil Safford' would be a key contact to discuss this matter and would be at the 'Wake up Partnership' meeting on Monday 26th March 2007 on Clay Lane.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 23rd May 2007 at 10.30am in The Haywood Room.

Meeting closed at 11.40am.