

**Minutes of the South West Forum Meeting**  
**20<sup>th</sup> August 2007, 10.00am**  
**The Haywood Room**

**Present:**

Sue Wilkinson	Broomhouse Estate TARA / SJC (Chair)	
Lyn Ralph	Denaby Central TC / SJC	
Frank Knapton	Morton and Chaucer TARA / SJC	
Linda Teasdale	Poets Corner TARA / SJC	
Mavis Williams	Wheatley C.A.N TARA / SJC	
Eddie Orton	Balby Littlemoor TARA	
Alan Hornsby	Balby Littlemoor TARA	
Maureen Tennison	Edlington Royal TARA	
Joan Robinson	Windhill TARA	
Margaret Cook	Windhill TARA	
Averil Redsull	Coronation Gardens	
Carol Sellars	Oval TARA	
Carole Reagan	SLHD	
Jonathan Hall	DMBC	
Gail Hancock	DMBC	
Jane Beastall	DMBC	
Naz Hussain	Federation Support Officer	(Minutes)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair opened the meeting and introductions were made.

**2. Apologies**

Colin Leonard	The Oval TARA / SJC
Ann Leonard	The Oval TARA
Helen Kilshaw	SLHD
Dave Wilkinson	SLHD

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising**

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Lyn asked if a representative from the gas section was invited; Naz replied they would be asked to attend the next meeting.

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Margaret Cook reported that the property on Windhill previously targeted by vandals had been fenced off now and has stopped the vandalism occurring.

## 5. Managers Report

### Pathfinder

Gail Hancock and Jane Beastall gave an update on 'Pathfinder' works across the borough.

- Denaby First – Environmental works are underway and the chip shop is to be demolished this week with a finishing date of December 2007. There is an open meeting scheduled on 30<sup>th</sup> August 07 from 3pm - 6pm at Harrogate Drive.
- Mexborough – Asbestos survey are being carried out on Kirby St and phase 1 is to go ahead on the Windhill estate.
- Edlington – have started work on 22 properties in Blowhall, with environmental works commencing on 'Victoria Stavely' from November 07 - March 08.

Gail stated that Pathfinder would pay one week's rent for tenant to assist with relocation. Both Margaret Cook and Linda Teasdale felt this was not adequate and proposed two weeks rent should be paid by Pathfinder; Gail stated a need to review the status of special circumstances may be required.

Gail added that the decision to re-develop / demolish selected estates was not Pathfinders but was through results of consultation with tenants / residents.

Margaret asked if Pathfinder could provide skips to help with the clearout from phase 1, Gail stated Community Wardens would be the contact point.

Joan pointed out that results of consultation shows that tenants / residents wanted refurbishment of homes and not demolition and asked if Pathfinder would honour the findings. Gail responded by stating that the TPAS results were not conclusive therefore could not comment on them.

### Recycling

Jonathan Hall provided information on recycling issues and stated he would take any comments or questions regarding this.

Jonathan reported that CWRP does not collect plastic, with the exception of bottles.

Maureen Tennison felt that many tenants / residents were not being provided with appropriate equipment to enable them to recycle as well as bins not being collected in Edlington Royal. Carol Sellars added that it is the responsibility of DMBC to ensure all its recycling systems and procedures are in place and fully functioning, if not then they need to be reviewed.

Frank reported that 'DAWN' received funding from Central Empowerment Grant (CEN) to enable them to work in Schools to educated students about

recycling. They can also support larger families to purchase a second bin for their household.

Lyn mentioned that all contractors are recycling their waste from decency works through a site in Wath and asked if there was a similar site available in Doncaster. Lyn agreed to pass details of the site in Wath to Jonathan for him to look into.

### Estates Management (Dave Wilkinson)

Carol Reagan asked for any issues she could help to deal with or pass on to relevant persons in SLHD.

Frank enquired about the possibility of inserting signs for the 'Bhatia Centre' in Mexborough; Carol asked Frank to send her further details (measurements, wording, etc) and would then follow up the request.

Alan Hornsby asked when 'Stanley Gardens' properties are due to have decency works carried out; Carol agreed to find out and feedback at the next meeting. He also stated that the back of 'Stanley Gardens' was being used as a short cut by motorist and asked if it could be shut off with a gate. Carol to look at the possibility of gating up the identified area.

It was agreed to invite a representative from the Decency Team to the next meeting; Naz agreed to action this.

## **6. Performance Monitoring**

In the absence of Helen Kilshaw, the Performance Monitoring Manager, Carol disseminated information on performance of SLHD.

Performance in June 2007 was discussed for the South West area and points discussed were:

- SLHD are also working with wardens to help gain access to some properties.
- Tenants in arrears cannot request transfers or apply for a property unless they are deemed to be unintentionally homeless or have special circumstances.

## **7. Chair's Report**

Lyn provided an update on the funds raised for the Doncaster Flood Relief Fund from the coffee mornings, which currently stands at approximately £3,100. Also tickets for the grand raffle are to be printed and will be sent to all TARA's when ready for distribution. The deadline to return all tickets is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September and the draw is to take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

However you can still make donations by simply sending or bringing any collections to the Haywood Room (cheques made payable to 'DFTRA Doncaster Flood Relief Fund' please).

## **8. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **9. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007, 10:30am in The Haywood Room.