

Minutes of the South West Forum Meeting
5th March 2007, 10.00am
In The Haywood Room

Present:

Eddie Orton	Balby Littlemoor TARA
Alan Hornsby	Balby Littlemoor TARA
Averil Redsull	Coronation Gardens
Maureen Tennison	Edlington Royal TARA
Jean Platt	Tarran Bungalows TARA
Brenda Brown	Tarran Bungalows TARA
Mike Noble	Hill Top Association
Jim Tierney	Craganour TARA
Colin Leonard	The Oval TARA
Lyn Ralph	SJC
Sue Wilkinson	SJC/Broomhouse Estate TARA (Chair)
Lynn Chamberlain	CLO (Minutes)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Frank Knapton, Linda Teasdale and Dave Wilkinson.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were agreed as a true record. The Chair pointed out that her TARA was Broomhouse, not Broomfield and Averil queried the "25 members are to meet" as she felt she had not said the number of members.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Managers Report

No report.

6. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's Report. However, the Chair wanted to express thanks to Naz Hussain, the Federation Support Officer, for arranging the Tenants and Residents Conference on Saturday 10th March 2007. The Chair ran through the activities, the AGM and the Oscar awards taking place.

Further to Heather Coulthard's (Project Manager, DMBC) visit to the meeting on the 8 January 2007, when she had explained about the new Choice Based

Lettings, Heather had asked for suggestions for a name for the scheme. The following suggestions were made:

- St Leger Homes Picks
- St Leger Homes Choice
- St Leger Homes Winners
- St Leger Select

Lyn duly passed this information onto Heather and said that St Leger Select was the favourite.

7. Any Other Business

Colin Leonard suggested that everyone who has undertaken training, have a group photograph with the certificates gained. Lynn Chamberlain said she would speak to Gail Harris to make arrangements for this.

Maureen thought it was wrong to put known drug users into homes near elderly people in Edlington and that there should be some way of checking people going into properties. Lyn Ralph said that this would go against Data Protection. Colin said that probationary tenancies should be brought in so they could be evicted if there was any antisocial behaviour. Lyn explained that there were mixed feelings in the SJC about introducing probationary tenancies, she felt that Council tenants were stigmatised anyway and this would be a further stigmatisation. Sue said that we already had demoted tenancies for antisocial behaviour. Lyn said that she had attended a meeting with Dave Abbot and a lawyer was there and Lyn had asked what the figures were for evictions following introductory tenancies. There had been approximately 1,645 properties let with approximately 435 evictions for rent arrears and 12 for antisocial behaviour spread out across the borough. Colin said that it seemed to take a long time to evict people for antisocial behaviour. Lyn said that this was one of the reasons why she was against introductory tenancies.

Jim was pleased to report that the 'recycling cycles scheme' at Craganour TARA had been asked to supply a bike for someone who was doing a triathlon. Jim also said that the TARA was being presented with the Duke of York Award on the 28 March.

8. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 30th April 2007 at 10.00 am in the Haywood Room.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.