

# GREAT WESTERN Tenant Partnership

Minute of Full Board Meeting held on Tuesday 3 February 2009  
In GWTP Office, 46 Munro Place

## **Present**

Kate Walker	Tenant Member
Ann O'Brien	Tenant Member
George Campbell	Tenant Member
Archibald Galbraith	Tenant Member
John McGlynn	Tenant Member
Ann McLean	Tenant Member
Margaret Aird	Tenant Member
Lillian Woolfries	Owner Member
Ann Kilgour	Owner Member
Margaret McGrow	Owner Member
Chris Kelly	General Member

## **In Attendance**

Martin McNulty	Community Housing Manager
Colin Walker	Estate Co-ordinator
Sophia Hassan	Minute Taker

## **Absent**

Sandro Monti

### **1. Apologies**

Eunice Imrie	Tenant Member
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### **2. Expression of Interest**

None declared

### **3. Previous Minutes**

The previous minutes of 13 January 2009 was proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by Ann Kilgour and seconded by Ann McLean

### **4. Matters Arising**

Kate introduced Margaret Aird to the Board. Margaret will be joining the Board as a Casual Tenant Member

Margaret Aird asked about the site that has been identified for the multi purpose games facility. Colin advised that preferred site is within the Temple Walkway. He

stated that this is part of a city wide partnership involving Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Housing Association.

The Board were advised that contractors are on site to commence with the Light up Project at Blairdardie Multi storey flats. GWTP will engage with the local residents association in all matters concerning the project. Martin advised the colour of the lighting still requires to be identified.

The Board were advised that the minutes of the last New Build Progress Meeting were distributed to the Housing Management Sub Committee to highlight the progress that is being made. Chris stated that June Taylor (Investment & Regeneration) would be attending the next sub committee meeting to discuss the plans in detail.

Martin highlighted the good feedback which has been received from lead officers in GHA regarding the Wider Action Newsletter. He stated that they are pleased with the work the LHO has been involved in relating to young and elderly customers.

The Board agreed to look at the Improvement Plan quarterly to highlight how well the LHO is progressing with the different tasks that have been set.

Martin advised that Fiona Woods and Liz Sally from the Homechoice Team would not be attending the meeting today to carry out a presentation in relation to the Homechoice Pilot. The Board were informed that Joe Scott (Community Housing Manager Knightswood HSG) would be carrying out the presentation to the Board.

The Board were advised that Martin, Kate, John and Margaret McGrow would be attending the GHA's Burns Supper on Wednesday 4 February at the Royal Concert Hall. Martin would arrange transport for the Board members attending the event.

## **5. Correspondence**

A list containing all the correspondence received in the last month was distributed to the Board. Board Members were asked to note that if any member is interested in the events they should contact Colin.

- SFHA Committee & Board Member Residential School – Friday 13 February 2009 – Sunday 15 February 2009
- SFHA Correspondence – minute of SFHA meeting dated 24/11/08
- EVH Information Booklet: Investing in Affordable Housing” (quick guide for committee members)
- Letter from Law and Money Advice Centre re Save Xmas Campaign – Free Training
- Parliament News from John Robertson MP
- Letter of resignation from Ena Docherty

The Board accepted the resignation from Ena Docherty. Colin would write to Ena on behalf of the Board and the partnership thanking for her contribution made whilst being involved with the Board.

## **6. Membership Application**

Total Applications received – 3

## **7. Sub Committee Minutes**

### Housing Management Sub Committee – 18/11/08

Ann Kilgour asked if a lift would be fitted in Ancaster Complex. Martin advised that money is available in the next year's investment plan for a lift to be fitted in the Complex. A contractor needs to be identified to carry out this project.

No minutes from the Repairs and Investment and Finance Sub Committee were brought to the Board meeting due to no sub committee meeting taking place in January.

## **8. Owners Forum**

Margaret McGrow advised the Board that the minutes of the Owners Forum would be made available at the next meeting, which would be held this month (19/02/09).

## **9. Homechoice (Joe Scott)**

Joe Scott (Community Housing Manager Knightswood HSG) gave a presentation to the Board on the Homechoice Pilot.

Joe advised the Board as to why the Homechoice Pilot has been introduced and advised how the pilot would be assessed. He also highlighted the LHO's who will be involved in the pilot.

The Board were informed that the pilot would be rolled out in the West on Tuesday 17 March 2009

Properties would be advertised online, in the Evening Times every Tuesday, in main libraries and all LHOs within the pilot area.

Joe emphasised that the number of stock the LHO has will remain the same. No extra houses will become available to the LHO's in this new process.

## **10. Empowerment and Engagement Strategy**

Colin highlighted that the questions the Board put forward in relation to the above strategy to Lindsay Gemmill and Maureen Dowden were the same questions raised by each LHO. Maureen and Lindsay would work with the Chairs at the Chairs Forum to identify how they can empower board members.

Kate advised that she would not be able to attend the next Chairs forum being held on Tuesday 10 February 2009. Chris would be attending the Chairs Forum on behalf of Kate and GWTP.

## **11. Above and Beyond**

The Board were shown a presentation made by Taroub Zahran (GHA Chief Executive) to all the Managers in relation to Above and Beyond. The Board agreed with the principles of Above and Beyond however a discussion took place on the future role of existing LHO committees. The Board were also given a copy of the response that was sent to Taroub from Alex Greenhorn (Chair, West Local Shared Services Steering Group) in relation to the Business Plan as set out in the Above and

Beyond Document. The Board agreed with all contained within the letter. The consultation period for this document ends on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009.

A further consultation document was distributed by Martin; the document was (Section 68A Director- RSL Return) in relation to the new arrangements regarding the expiry of the re-modelled management agreement. Discussion took place and it was agreed that we would submit our response prior to the consultation end date of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

## **12. LHO Conference 2009**

Colin advised the Board that a provisional date (Monday 6 April 2009) has been decided for the LHO Conference to take place at the Beardmore Hotel, Clydebank.

The Board approved for the LHO Conference to take place on this date.

## **13. AOCB**

Martin thanked the Board for their commitment in attending Special Board Meetings in relation to the breach of the Code of Conduct by Sandro Monti. He further added that Sandro has been sent a formal censure, which was unanimously decided at the Special Board Meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2009.

No correspondence has been received from Sandro throughout this process.

Due to Sandro missing 4 consecutive Board meetings he would no longer be eligible to continue as a Board member. Martin would be writing to Sandro to confirm his position as a Board member.

## **14. Date of next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 March 2009 @ 09:30 in Munro Place