

GREAT WESTERN Tenant Partnership

Minute of Full Board Meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2009
In GWTP Office, 46 Munro Place

Present

Kate Walker	Tenant Member
Ann O'Brien	Tenant Member
George Campbell	Tenant Member
Eunice Imrie	Tenant Member
Archibald Galbraith	Tenant Member
John McGlynn	Tenant Member
Ann McLean	Tenant Member
Ena Docherty	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

1. Apologies

Sandro Monti	Tenant Member
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2. Expression of Interest

None declared

3. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes of 2 December 2008 was proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by Lillian Woolfries and seconded by Margaret McGrow.

4. Matters Arising

Colin advised the Board that a site has been identified for a multi purpose games facility. The site identified is within the Temple Walkway. Colin will update Board when further information becomes available.

Martin confirmed that all funding has been secured for the lighting project at Blairdardie Multi Storey Blocks. This project will commence in February 2009 and shall be completed by March 2009.

The Board were advised that the next New Build Progress Meeting would take place on Tuesday 20 January 2009. Any minutes that are handed out would be distributed to the Housing Management Sub Committee to highlight the progress that is being made.

Colin highlighted that no one as yet taken over Stephen Eagan's old post. Colin will advise the Board of his replacement once the recruitment process has taken place.

Colin highlighted that the Calendar Competition 2008 was a great success. GWTP has built good relationships with the schools. And would like to enhance our partnerships further by developing new initiatives.

The Board were advised that Lorraine McLaren (Wider Action Manager) was delighted with the GWTP Wider Action Newsletter.

Martin reminded the Board that they agreed to postpone the Annual Conference for a couple of months due to important changes that are taking place within GHA which affects the team. This would allow us to discuss these matters at the Conference.

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 Housing Scotland Magazine
- EVH – Unlocking the potential: Supporting the housing sector's contribution to regeneration (Report)
- EVH Senior Staff Briefing
- EVH – One Day Seminar and AGM – Sunday 29 March 2009 Crown Plaza, Congress Road Glasgow
- The Scottish Government – Investigating in affordable housing: A Consultation (document)
- Lintel Trust – Supporting the community of Scotland (Annual Review 2007 – 2008)
- Letter received from GHA Chief Executive in relation to Burns Supper – Wednesday 4 February 2009 Royal Concert Hall
- Letter received from Knightswood Primary School thanking the partnership for the support received in relation to making a contribution for the Fruity Express Project

6. Membership Applications

Total Applications received – 8

7. Sub Committee Minutes

No Sub Committee minutes were brought forward to the Board meeting. This was due to no meeting taking place in November.

Martin went over the formation of each sub committee to ensure that all Board members were allocated to a Sub Committee. Ena Docherty has not yet been allocated a sub. Colin to action.

8. Owners Forum

Margaret McGrow advised the Board that the next meeting of the Owners Forum is due to take place this month.

9. Improvement Plan

Martin presented the GWTP Improvement Plan to the Board. The Board were advised that each LHO went through this process. The Improvement Plan is the LHO's own specific plan. This process allowed staff the opportunity to comment on how things are done and to make suggestions on how things can be improved.

Martin discussed the document in detail with the Board. The plan highlighted the actions that GWTP are required to achieve.

Martin stated that the rows highlighted in grey are tasks which are to be delivered by GHA Corporate.

10. Empowerment and Engagement Strategy

Colin advised that he has not received a response from Lindsay Gemmill or Maureen Downden in relation to the questions sent regarding the Empowerment and Engagement Strategy. Colin to chase up response on behalf of the Board.

Colin will contact Lindsay and Maureen again asking them for a response to be received.

11. Homechoice

Colin advised the Board that 6 staff have been appointed to become a Homechoice Support Officer for the LHO's in the West.

Colin stated that the officers are developing training modules for all staff including the concierge.

Martin wishes Fiona Mills (Homechoice Support Officer) for Great Western Tenant Partnership to attend our February Board meeting. We would like for Fiona to carry out a presentation advising of all aspects of her role within the Homechoice Pilot.

Martin added that Fiona would have the responsibility to support the LHO throughout the whole process. She would also be required to provide training to all staff.

12. AOCB

Chris asked about the 1apt flats in Anniesland being advertised in the recent GWTP Newsletter. He asked if any interest had been received and if these flats were difficult to let. Martin advised the Board that that the people who lived in the Sheltered Housing had to be decanted. He advised that some people were moved to permanent accommodation, which left their old flats to be re-let. He stated that he included the article in the Newsletter to create some interest in advance of the Homechoice pilot being introduced.

Kate advised that she has been invited to GHA's Annual Burns Super on Wednesday 4 February 2009 at the Royal Concert Hall. She further advised that there was an opportunity for one other Board member to attend on behalf of the partnership.

Margaret McGrow expressed an interest to attend and this was approved by the Board. Further to this, John McGlynn also showed an interest. Colin to speak to Ailsa to find out if we could book one more place.

13. Date of next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on the 3 February 2009 @ 09:30 in Munro Place.