

GREAT WESTERN Tenant Partnership

Minute of Full Board Meeting held on Tuesday 1 December 2009
In GWTP Office, 46 Munro Place

Present

Kate Walker	Tenant Member
Ann O'Brien	Tenant Member
George Campbell	Tenant Member
John McGlynn	Tenant Member
Margaret Aird	Tenant Member
Gordon Bulman	Tenant Member
Ann Kilgour	Owner Member
Lillian Woolfries	Owner Member
Margaret McGrow	Owner Member
Chris Kelly	General Member
Anne McTaggart	General Member

In Attendance

Martin McNulty	Community Housing Manager
Colin Walker	Estate Co-ordinator
Lorna Murray	Estate Co-ordinator (item 11)
Sophia Hassan	Minute Taker

1. Apologies

Ann McLean	Tenant Member
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2. Expression of Interest

None declared

3. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes of 1 September was proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by JMc and seconded by LW.

4. Matters Arising

KW advised Board members that GB has joined the Board as a Casual Tenant Member until he is elected onto the Board. KW asked someone to propose and second the proposal. MMcG proposed and AK seconded.

CW highlighted that MK has resigned from her position as a tenant member on the Board. Relevant paperwork would be completed and sent to Companies House.

CW stated that Calendar Competition 2009 is completed. Presentations will take place week commencing Monday 7 December 2009 with each school.

The Board were advised that there are 6 tenants on the GHA Board. There are 4 independent members. There are 4 GCC nominees which include 2 councillors and the chief executive.

MMc highlighted that AH (GHA Investment & Regeneration) attended the residents meeting on Thursday 5 November 2009. This meeting was well attended. AH will be invited again if another consultation session is required to update the residents of what is happening with the site.

CW stated that he has made the submission to the questions that were required to be answered regarding the rent re-structure. CW added that the LHO received a letter from Councillor Findlay in relation to issues with flooding in the Shafton area. He has asked that residents affected are not considered for the rent take-up. This letter has also been sent in the consultation process

MMc advised that he had representatives from Health and Safety out to look at the reception area. He stated that the seating arrangements meet with the requirements of health & safety legislations. He stated that a chair from the conference room will be taken out to the reception area if any customer requires it.

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 CW.

- SFHA Housing Scotland Magazine
- CIH - Planning for Housing Needs – Friday 4 December 2009, Grosvenor Hilton Hotel, Edinburgh
- CIH – Care, Health and Housing: Making The Connection – Wednesday 9 December 2009, Stirling Management Centre, Stirling University
- SHARE Conference: Looking Back: Moving Forward - Peebles Hydro Hotel – 19 – 21 March 2010
- Annual Review 2009 from NHBC
- Scottish Parliamentary Report from Bill Butler

6. Membership Applications

Total Applications Received - 3
All Tenant Members

7. Sub Committee Minutes

Housing Management Sub Committee – 15/09/09

No issues were raised.

Finance Sub Committee – 15/09/09

AMcT asked about the money for the Firereach Project. CW stated that the money has been spent on Open Days. The LHO is down to £1,200.

CK asked about the 14,000 of staffing costs being transferred. MMc highlighted that money that was saved in the Running Cost Budget was used to offset a post within

the LHO. This has resulted in the money being consolidated in the Staffing costs. This transfer is not required to be carried out every year.

Repairs and Investment Sub Committee – 13/10/2009

No issues were raised.

8. Delegate Reports

No issues were raised from the EVH Minutes provided by AO'B dated the 2 November 2009.

9. Chairs Forum

It was agreed that the Chairs Forum would be discussed at the next meeting due to the full agenda.

10. Glasgow City Council – Draft Local Housing Strategy 2009

CW presented the Glasgow City Council Draft Local Housing Strategy.

The Board stated that this was a very detailed document to make any comments on.

It was agreed that MMc will respond on behalf of the Board advising the council that they are not in a position to give a robust reply.

11. Wamba / Wilverton Improvement Strategy

MMc presented the Wamba / Wilverton Improvement Strategy to the Board. This document was discussed in detail with Board members. It highlighted the things that have been carried out to improve the area through investment works being carried out.

The Board agreed to look at this in further detail at the January 2010 Board Training.

12. Housing Need Support Strategy (GHA draft)

CW presented the Housing Need Support Strategy to the Board. This was discussed in detail. The Board were required to answer the questions included in the document. This would be submitted to the Customer Engagement Team in Granite House. The questions were as follows:

1. Do you think that there are other groups who may have support needs? Please tell us which groups and what you think their housing and support are? No
2. Given the financial constraints, what should be our priorities for meeting the needs of vulnerable groups? We at GWTP would like to prioritise each vulnerable group, however given the make up of our customer profile we feel that elderly residents and hidden carers should be given priority.
3. Are the actions we propose to take to improve housing support services the right ones? Do you have any other suggestions? Locally we at GWTP would like to improve our partnership working with the local community health and care partnership in order to deliver more effective services to our customers.

13. Performance Report Update

MMc presented the Quarterly Report from July 2009 – September 2009 to the Board.

MMc went through a PowerPoint presentation with the Board in relation to the LHO's performance in Period 8.

MMc will contact Fiona McLean (Glasgow Gold Manager) in relation to membership renewal.

No further issues were raised.

14. AOCB

CW stated that there will be no meeting in January 2010 as it follows on the day when the office re-opens from Christmas Closure.

Letters will be sent to Board members advising which sub committee is taking place this month. A list of meeting dates for 2010 will also be distributed.

The board were advised that it has been agreed to hold the LHO Conference 2010 at the end of March.

CW reminded the Board that the Christmas Lunch will be held at Oran Mor on Thursday 17 December 2009 @ 1pm. Transport would be arranged.

CW advised that there is a PR Launch of an Eco Garden in St Ninian's Primary School on Thursday 3 December 2009. AK, AMcT and KW would be attending the event.

15. Date of next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 February 2010 @ 09:30 in Munro Place.