

# GREAT WESTERN Tenant Partnership

Minute of Full Board Meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 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
Ann McLean	Tenant Member
Ann Kilgour	Owner Member
Lillian Woolfries	Owner Member
Anne McTaggart	General Member

## **In Attendance**

Martin McNulty	Community Housing Manager
Colin Walker	Estate Co-ordinator
Sophia Hassan	Minute Taker
Alan Hardie	Development Officer (GHA)
Jane Melanie	Hypostyle Architect
Gordon Bulman	Tenant Member - Observer

## **Absent**

Margaret King	Tenant Member
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### **1. Apologies**

Margaret McGrow	Owner Member
Chris Kelly	General Member

### **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 AK.

### **4. Matters Arising**

KW introduced GB to the Board. She explained that GB is an observer at today's meeting with a view of joining the Board as a Casual Tenant Member.

CW advised the Board that MK has still not been in touch with him. A letter has been sent requesting her to provide a letter for a leave of absence.

CW stated that he would ask Jim Kane from Glasgow Community Safety Services for more of the information booklets that were distributed to the Board. LW had requested a booklet as she was not at the meeting.

The Board were informed that the GWTP Calendar Competition is taking place at the present. The calendar will be dispatched with the Christmas newsletter.

## **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
- Letter from SFHA in relation to Scottish National Standards – Seminar for Housing Associations – Thursday 12 November 2009 - Carlton Hotel, 19 North Bridge, Edinburgh – 10am to 3pm
- Letter from CIH in relation to CIH Scotland Awards 2010 to recognise the work of woman achievers in housing
- CIH Information Booklet – Scottish Housing Matters
- CIH Information Leaflet – Building Successful Communities
- EVH Newsletter – Senior Staff Brief
- Letter from Maureen Dowden (GHA) in relation to Consultation on Housing Needs and Support Strategy and Furniture Service Policy – Documents attached.
- Scottish Public Services Ombudsman 2008-2009 Annual Report

## **6. Membership Applications**

Total Applications Received - 3  
All Tenant Members

## **7. Sub Committee Minutes**

### *Housing Management Sub Committee & Finance Sub Committee – 15/09/09*

No minutes were made available.

### *Repairs and Investment Sub Committee – 08/09/09*

MMc advised the Board that the project for the external fabric work to be carried out in the Temple area would be completed.

The Board highlighted that the local LHO Tour was very good.

## **8. Shafton Road / Temple Tenements (Alan Hardie)**

AH advised that they would be going through the outline sketches and house layouts for the Tambowie Site. He explained that this site is being delivered as part of a 5 site project.

AH further added that he is responsible for taking the project for tender approval which means securing the approval of the Scottish Government and GCC by the end of the financial year. An architect will be appointed for this site.

The Board were informed that all drawings need to be finalised within 6 weeks to allow the cost planning to be done.

AH stated that he has a meeting with local residents on Thursday 5 November 2009 to consult on the plans and to gain feedback.

The Board went through the plans for the site with AH and JM (Hypostyle Architect). This included 4 person 2 bed units, 3 person units, 6 person units and disabled adapted house.

The Board will be kept updated with the progress that is being made.

## **9. Chairs Forum**

Papers were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Minutes of Chairs Forum (26/08/09) - AK asked if the overall sickness rate for June which was highlighted at 5.46% against a target of 4.5% was being investigated. MMc advised that if an LHO is above the sickness target the manager would be asked to report on it. GWTP has no problem with sickness levels.

AK also asked the number of people who were on the GHA Board. MMc would get this confirmed for the Board for the next meeting in December.

MMc stated that a quarterly report would be distributed to the Board at the next meeting which would highlight the LHO's performance.

## **10. Rent Re-Structure 2009**

CW presented a list of questions in relation to the Rent Re-Structure to the Board that is required to be answered and submitted to GHA Communications. These were as follows:

1. Do you agree with the idea of using the size of the property to determine the rent? Yes
2. Do you agree with the idea of using the type of property to determine the rent? Yes
3. Do the rent bands make sense? Yes
4. Do you agree that the new rent proposal is simpler than the current rent structure? Yes
5. Do you agree that the new rent proposed is fairer than the current rent re-structure? Yes
6. Do you agree that rent changes of more than £250 per year should be phased in by £5 per week each year? Yes

7. Do you think that the proposed new GHA rents will be affordable to people in work? No
8. Are there any comments you would like to make generally about the proposed rent re-structure? Is it fair that a customer who has an improved house as opposed to a none improved house, due to three owners as majority in four in a block. (Proposed different rent charge)

#### **11. Homechoice Evaluation**

KW advised that another meeting has been arranged to discuss the Homechoice Evaluation. Once she receives the relevant papers it would be distributed to all Board members.

This would be discussed at the next meeting in December.

#### **12. Delegate Reports**

No issues were raised from the EVH Minutes provided by AO'B dated the 5 October 2009.

#### **13. Glasgow's Strategic Housing Investment Plan**

MMc advised that he had attended a meeting in relation to the Glasgow Strategic Housing Investment Plan with other Housing Providers.

AMcT stated that the Local Housing Forum had a look at the plan and made a few changes. She highlighted that she would get the feedback from the Forum for the Board for the next meeting in December.

A response is required to be made by Wednesday 4 November 2009. It was agreed that MMc will respond on behalf of the Board.

#### **14. AOCB**

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

CW thanked the Board for helping him with open days over the last few months.

He also thanked Board members who attended the Stars of the West at Drumchapel Community Centre on Saturday 17 October 2009 giving their support.

GC asked about the possibility of looking at the reception area in the office. He highlighted that there were no seats in the reception suitable for a disabled person to sit on. MMc advised that he would discuss this issue with the SMT.

#### **15. Date of next meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 December 2009 @ 09:30 in Munro Place.