

GREAT WESTERN Tenant Partnership

Minute of Full Board Meeting held on Tuesday 6 October 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
Ann Kilgour	Owner Member
Margaret McGrow	Owner Member
Lillian Woolfries	Owner Member
Chris Kelly	General Member
Anne McTaggart	General Member

In Attendance

Colin Walker	Estate Co-ordinator
Sophia Hassan	Minute Taker

Absent

Margaret King	Tenant Member
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1. Apologies

Martin McNulty	Community Housing Manager
Margaret Aird	Tenant Member
Ann McLean	Tenant 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 George Campbell and seconded by Chris Kelly.

4. Matters Arising

Colin advised the Board that he has spoken to Margaret King regarding her attendance at Board meetings. Margaret has requested a leave of absence; Colin has asked Margaret to send letter requesting leave of absence.

Margaret McGrow advised that there were Owners Forum minutes available. This had not been passed to Colin to get photocopied for the rest of the Board members. Colin asked for future correspondence to be given directly to him or sent by e-mail.

Colin highlighted that he has prepared an action plan relating to the Rent Re-Structure consultation. This will be discussed under item 10 of today's agenda.

The Board advised that the presentation carried out by Jim Kane from Glasgow Community Safety Services was worthwhile.

Lillian asked if she was able to get the information booklet that was distributed to all Board members as she was not at the last meeting. Colin advised that he will send out an information booklet.

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
- Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Housing Newsletter
- North Glasgow Community Magazine – Connect
- SHARE Committee Bulletin
- Brechin Tindal Oatts Solicitors Newsletter - Employment News
- Brechin Tindal Oatts Solicitors – Employment Law Seminars Autumn 2009
- University of Strathclyde Education – Details of Short Course they are providing
- Letter from Steven Purcell in relation to a brochure which sets out the vision for the legacy of games for Glasgow

Lillian highlighted that she had relevant details in relation to the Tenant Participation Advisory Service Conference if any of the Board members were interested in attending.

Kate advised of a letter that she received from Taroub Zahran (GHA Chief Executive) wishing the best to all of the LHO Committees on her departure from GHA.

6. Membership Applications

Total Applications Received - 8
All Tenant Members

7. Sub Committee Minutes

Housing Management Sub Committee – 18/08/09

Kate asked about 5 lets made to any applicants. Chris advised this is just any general applicant who has the most need.

Lillian asked if the Sitting Tenant Arrears were coming down. She stated that the figure seemed high. Chris highlighted that the arrears do come down slowly in each period. He advised that the consequence of the Sitting Tenant Arrears coming down is that the Former Tenant Arrear goes up due to a tenant being evicted etc.

Colin advised that members of the Housing Management Sub Committee including Kate are invited to the launch of the Shafton Road site on Friday 9 October 2009 at 2 pm. Eunice Imrie will also be invited to the launch due to the involvement while being on the Sub Committee. Sophia will contact relevant Board members who require a lift.

Finance Sub Committee – 18/08/09

Kate queried the Property Costs and Employee Cost being on target while having a variance.

Repairs and Investment Sub Committee – 11/08/09

No issues were raised.

8. Delegate Reports

Colin advised that GHA have set up a Registered Tenant Organisation Federation which consists of a committee member from each Registered Tenant Organisation. Colin advised the Board that GWTP have not received any information relating to the federation Ann Kilgour advised that she was the only delegate to turn up for the SFHA meeting on Monday 5 August 2009. Ann was unaware that the meeting had been cancelled.

9. Chairs Forum

The Board went through draft questions that were required to be answered in relation to GHA Chairs Forum.

Colin distributed a report in relation to the Homechoice Pathfinder Interim Evaluation from Herriot Watt University. This would be discussed at the next meeting in November.

10. Rent Re-Structure 2009

Colin presented an action plan for GWTP in relation to the rent re-structure. No issues were raised. The Board approved action plan.

11. Scottish Housing Regulator – Wider Role

Colin advised that the Scottish Housing Regulator require signatures from office bearers relating to Wider Role Funding applications. This information will be sent next month once the September minutes are approved.

12. GWTP Calendar Competition

Colin advised that the funding application has been submitted and approved. Once again Blairdardie, Kelvindale, Knightswood and St Ninian's Primary will be participating. This year's theme is Eco Friendly. All artwork to be submitted by Wednesday 4 November 2009. Calendars will be dispatched with Christmas newsletter.

13. AOCB

Colin advised that we have booked the Christmas Lunch at Oran on Thursday 17 December 2009 @1pm.

Ann O'Brien asked how long the Homechoice pilot would last. Colin highlighted that the pilot has been extended for another six months. This may be extended further.

14. Date of next meeting

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