

Ryedale Tenant Association Western Area



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RAINBOW LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE THURSDAY 11th January 2007 (18 Attended)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Linda Shipley, Mrs H Tierney, Mrs Hall, Des Simpson, Molly Sollit, Jane Jones

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Proposed as correct by Wilf Holmes, seconded by Judith Denniss.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES: There were no matters arising.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT: Stewart said there were a few things raised at the last Board meeting that may be of interest. He informed every one of the following. Having formally joined the 'Joint Contractors Panel' on the 25th September 2006, 'Craven Housing Association', which, of course, is now part of the 'Yorkshire Housing Group', has transferred 70 contractors to the group's list of Approved Contractors. The primary role of the 'Joint Contractors Panel' is to approve the addition to, or removal of, contractors from the Approved List of Contractors.

Four individual homes in the villages in the East Riding were purchased and renovated by Yorkshire Housing. This was done with the help of 'East Riding of Yorkshire Council' who contributed with a grant of £298,000. The homes were developed to meet local housing needs and priority will be given initially to applicants either living in, or with connections to, the villages of Patrington, Keyingham and Burstwick.

Brunel Housing, another part of the 'Yorkshire Housing Group', held a 'Group Family Away Day' at the Al-Hikmah Centre at Batley on 9th September. The centre was selected for its location near to Bradford for Brunel customers and its proximity to a large BME community in Batley. The theme for the day was 'Equality & Diversity' which offered a wide range of workshops to cover the topic. Around 160 people attended the 'Away Day' and 56 children of mixed age groups were entertained with 'Arts & Crafts Activities', 'Henna Painting' and also 'Football Coaching Sessions' from Leeds United coaches. A group of dancers from Brunel Housing also performed for everyone during lunch break.

Concerns about increased 'Anti-Social Behaviour' over recent years were also raised. A policy report said that a safe secure home and an environment free from nuisance should be a priority for our tenants. It also said that it was most important that not only should we have effective policies and procedures for dealing with ASB cases we should also record and report on actions taken. The report went on to say that the 'Policy and Delivery Team' are presently working with colleagues in the IT department to develop a database for the purpose of recording, monitoring and reporting of performance and activity relating to anti-social behaviour cases. It was anticipated that the database would be operational from 1st January 2007. Stewart

said the use of this kind of technology would, of course , be a useful tool for the 'Yorkshire Housing Group' in trying to combat Anti-Social Behaviour.

ADDRESS BY NICKY WARD (HOUSING OFFICER): Nicky spoke about her role as a housing officer and the challenges that went along with it . She said it was important to try and stay focused and to ask customers and tenants their views on the services provided in their community , as she saw this as a progressive and positive way to improve our services even further if we hoped to become more efficient and effective . Nicky answered many questions that were put to her and also took note of some complaints about a few repairs . After an informative session the chair thanked Nicky for her contribution to the meeting.

ADDRESS BY PCSO AUDIE SELLARS (MALTON POLICE): A regular at our RTAWA meetings , Audie gave an upbeat report about living in Ryedale and provided impressive statistics to show that it was one of the most safest places in the country to live for the vast majority of people. There were some questions from the floor challenging a few of Audie's figures, but he said that some of the concerns raised might not even have been reported to the police; therefore if they weren't recorded they couldn't do anything about it. Audie ended by saying that the police work well with other agencies like the Housing Association and Safer Ryedale to try and make our area a better place to live. The chair thanked Audie for yet another informative contribution at this evenings meeting.

UPDATE ON FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNED: Stewart announced that plans for the forthcoming 'Social & Networking Evening' at Malton & Norton Rugby Club on 23rd February 2007 were well in hand. He said that those involved in the planning of the event were confident that it would be a great evenings entertainment . Jeff Mitchell , (Chair RTA Northern Area) one of the ' planning committee ' members , said that he'd like to echo Stewart's sentiments. He added that tenants were showing a great interest in the event, but to avoid disappointment people should book their free tickets early, as there were only 150 places available at the venue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 8th March 2007
7.00pm at Rainbow Lane Community Centre

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