

Ryedale Tenant Association Western Area



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RAINBOW LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE THURSDAY 7th September 2006 (14 Attended)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Jane Ford, Jeff Mitchell, June Mitchell, George Croft, Elsie Croft and Des Simpson.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Proposed as correct by Linda Shipley, seconded by Wilf Holmes.

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

NEW HOUSING OFFICER: The chairman introduced Nicola Ward, the new housing officer for Eastern Area Patch 1, to the rest of the meeting. Nicola gave a brief account of her employment history and told everyone how much she was enjoying her new role as a housing officer. Stewart thanked her for attending the meeting at such short notice and said the committee and all other members of the tenants group wished her all the best and looked forward to seeing her again at some of their RTA meetings.

REPORT OF MEETING WITH COUNCILLORS: The chairman Stewart McCann and vice chair, Linda Shipley, told the meeting that they had met with councillors at Ryedale House to discuss the ongoing problems that are still causing much anxiety for some of the housing

Associations tenants at Queens Court who live next or near to the Basketball/Short-pitch Football Compound within the playing field at Rainbow Lane. Stewart and Linda said that there had been some robust discussion at the meeting and that they both believed some progress had been made in changing some attitudes over this issue. They also reported that the council proposed that a working group comprising of a few officers of RTAWA and four councillors should meet in order to try and bring this matter to a close. Stewart told everyone that the date of this meeting has still to be arranged. He added that if he didn't hear from the council in the next few days he would be writing to them to try and chase it up.

ENTRANCES AND FOOTPATHS AT QUEENS COURT: There were several complaints about post persons and children cycling in the entrances and around the footpaths at Queens Court. This particular behaviour is, in fact, potentially dangerous in sheltered accommodation areas. Linda suggested to the chair that he should write to the local delivery office manager of Royal Mail to alert him/her of the dangers of this practice. Everyone agreed that cycling on footpaths in any sheltered areas should be banned. It was also said that some parents and grandparents should also be more stringent in making sure this sort of antic is not allowed. One of the outside lamps in the square at Queens Court was also reported out of order.

During this discussion other acts of anti-social behaviour, like the cutting down of washing lines in Pasture View, were brought to the attention of the committee. Stewart had, in fact, had already arranged to meet with Garry Smith, the new Ryedale Housing Association area manager, to talk about these kinds of issues and other similar matters.

INFORMATION LEAFLETS: Tenants were asked what they thought about information leaflets being printed that showed a photo image of and gave contact telephone numbers of their committee members. There was not much interest or enthusiasm for this from anyone at the meeting.

UPDATE OF SOCIAL EVENTS : Wilf Holmes applauded Helen Cowton (Tenant Involvement Advisor) for the help in securing £84 from 'Social Activity Fund', which meant that a group of tenants from the western area thoroughly enjoyed a day trip down the river from Skeldergate Bridge York to Acaster Malbis. Photos of the group dining at the ship Inn clearly show that everyone had a great day out. Wilf also organises bingo sessions at the community centre on a Monday afternoon from 2.00pm until 4.00pm and on Wednesday evening from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. Other social activities like card games and dominoes are played on a Friday evening from 7.30pm until 10.00pm. The chairman also thanked Wilf for all the hard work that he has put in, saying that he has done a tremendous job in resurrecting social events in the centre.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT: Stewart spoke about a Domestic Violence Policy that has been produced saying that it is part of a series of policies relating to the groups approach to dealing with anti-social behaviour and other forms of harassment. He went on to say that around one hundred and fifty people are killed by a current or former partner every year. He ended by saying that the Yorkshire Housing Group believes that none of its tenants should live in fear of violence from a spouse or partner, former spouse or partner, or other members of their household, and will take steps to assist and support any person suffering from, or threatened with violence. On a happier note many are pleased to hear Stewart announce that double-glazing window replacement would commence on Sycamore Avenue on 16th October and on Chestnut Avenue on 30th October. Both jobs should be completed by 20th November he said.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The chairman read out a letter from Kate Barker (Community Initiatives Advisor) who was offering training to volunteer tenant reps for them to become 'Energy Efficiency Advisers.' He said that if anyone was interested in taking this role on they could contact him or Kate Baker herself.

Judy Denniss, who lives at number 11 Pasture View, told the committee that trees next to her house need cutting back. Des Simpson, 5 Sycamore Avenue, who sent an apology for absence, also asked someone to report that the tree outside his house needs trimming. These requests will be passed on to Leat House.

The chairman told the meeting that for personal reasons Mr Bob Tyrie no longer wished to continue as treasurer of the Western Area Tenants Association. In accordance with Ryedale Tenant Association / Group Constitution (Page 1, No 4 (d) an election was held and nominations for the position of Treasurer was called for. Only one name was put forward on the nomination forms that were handed out at the meeting. The unanimous result was that Mr Wilf Holmes be elected Treasurer.

DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 9th November 2006
7.00pm at Rainbow Lane Community Centre

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