

Ryedale Tenant Association Western Area



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RAINBOW LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE THURSDAY 9th November 2006 (18 Attended)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Jane Ford, Graham Beaumont, Mary Skelton, Nancy Marshall and Mrs H Tierney.

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

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

A FURTHER UPDATE CONCERNING THE BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL COMPOUND IN THE PLAYING FIELD ON RAINBOW LANE: At our meeting here on September 7th 2006 we reported that the council proposed that a 'Joint Working Party', consisting of four councillors and four RTAWA officers, should be set up to try and resolve the issues brought about by the placement of this construction, which, of course, is causing much anxiety for some RHA tenants who live near to it. With the 'Joint Working Party' having met only once it was somewhat puzzling to learn that the council had sent out letters to some tenants informing them of the solution they intend to pursue over this matter. The RTAWA committee has not seen the letters or the council's proposals and we will be asking them to explain why the whole working party group was not informed before anything was sent out.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: (For our guests, Area Manager, Garry Smith & Housing Manager, Helen Chafer) After introducing Garry Smith and Helen Chafer to the meeting Stewart also informed everyone that this was Garry's first appearance at Rainbow Lane community centre since becoming Area Manager for the Eastern Patch of Ryedale Housing Association on September 4th 2006. Garry said that he was sure that this would be the first of many RTAWA meetings that he would be attending at Rainbow Lane in the future. He then gave a brief account of his working history over nineteen years that he has spent in the housing sector and ended it by saying that he has enjoyed every single minute of it. Garry answered many questions from the floor on a variety of questions during the evening. He didn't duck any of the issues or fears that anyone put forward. He said that he would be knocking on doors to hear the views of customers and that he would try and design services around those views. He said that in liaison with the police and other agencies he would also tackle problems like the environment and anti-social behaviour as he saw them as key to building sustainability in our estates. Housing manager Helen Chafer also took note of three individual problems brought up at the meeting. The chairman, Stewart McCann, received feedback from Helen on all of these points within a week of the meeting.

Malton police officers PC Jane Jones and PCSO Audie Sellars also made a valuable contribution to the meeting by answering many other questions put during the evening. The chairman thanked Jane and Audie for their input just as he had done Garry and Helen for theirs.

UPDATE OF RECENT SOCIAL EVENTS: A good time was had by everyone who went on the 'Countryside Tour on Thursday 26th October 2006. Besides having afternoon tea at the Blacksmiths Arms at Lastingham the group also visited Helmsley and Huttton Le Hole on their trip out to the moors.

On Friday 3rd November 2006, Suzanne West (warden) and Jean Sonley (tenant) put on a 'Pie & Pea Supper' for everyone attending the domino and card night. The domino and card night is, of course, one of the social events that is held here at Rainbow Lane community centre every Friday evening. Jean also helps Wilf (Holmes) with the bingo sessions that are also held here on Monday afternoon and a Wednesday evening . Suzanne, Wilf and Jean deserve our thanks for their efforts in organising these activities.

So too do Liz and Brian Wardle, who used to run the bingo sessions here. They organised a 'Meal & Day Trip' to millstones for 36 people on Thursday 9th November 2006, from funds accrued during their time running the bingo.

Since June 2006, in the afternoon of the last Wednesday of every month, Suzanne West had been raising funds by serving tea and biscuits and organising a raffle here in the community centre. The final monthly raffle was held on Wednesday 29th November 2006 and all the proceeds from Suzanne's enterprise went towards a 'Christmas Lunch Party' she had organised for tenants at The Lodge Hotel on Tuesday 12th December 2006.

Many, of course, will have seen on the notice board that the Rev Canon John Manchester, from St Mary's Priory Church Old Malton, holds a service in the centre on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm. Anyone who wishes to attend any of these services will, I'm sure, be more than welcome.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Concerns have been raised about people using tenants entrances and passageway at 14 Rainbow Lane Malton as a shortcut from Highfield Road, and vice versa, via the square in Rainbow Lane onto Highfield Road. There is, in fact, a growing number of complaints about this type of shortcut in other similar squares and cul-de-sacs of bungalows for the elderly throughout the Ryedale area. They will, of course, all be looked at.

DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 11th January 2007
7.00pm at Rainbow Lane Community Centre

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