

# TH Federation of TRAs Minutes

Monday, 24th September 2012 at  
7.00pm.



Collingwood Hall, London E1

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<b>PRESENT</b>			
Phil Sedler (Chair)	Collingwood (THH)	Lene Milaa	Eric & Treby (EEH)
Kate Scannell	Peabody	John Allison	Ocean Est (THH)
Jean Taylor		Clive Palmer	Brownfield (HARCA)
Jenny Fisher (Secretary)	SELMO (OH)	Nick Parkin	Exmouth (Swan)
Elizabeth Adebisi	Collingwood (THH)	Terry McGrenera	Lincoln (THH)
Uche Onwubiko (Treasurer)	Lincoln (THH)	Clare Winter	St Stephens
Mark Taylor (Admin Worker)	Eric & Treby (EEH)	Jim Smith	Holland Est. (EEH)
Mehdi Hassan (Dev. Worker)	Withy (THH)	Brian Stanley	Hollybush & T.(THH)
Cyril Farby		Eileen Short	DCH PO BOX33519
Belle Harris	Gateway	Pilgrim.Tucke	Unite
Myra Garrett		Ellie O'Hagen	Unite
Gerry Mathews	W/Loo Gardens E2	Martin Ling	LBTH
Paul Ingham	Brownfield (HARCA)	Stephen Beckett	LBTH

	<p><b>The meeting commenced at 7.10pm.</b></p>
1.	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Phil welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
2.	<p><b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising from meeting (28.05.12)</b></p> <p>The material from the Ombudsman is now on the website. Welfare meetings: there is one tomorrow at SPLASH estates and there was one previously at Robin Hood Gardens.</p>
3.	<p><b>Tenancy Strategy</b></p> <p>Martin Ling, Senior Housing Officer from LBTH, gave a presentation on the Council's proposals for its Tenancy Strategy. This meeting is part of the consultation procedure it has to adopt under the Government's Localism Act. Martin's presentation and a summary of the following discussion are on our website. He confirmed that the Council would not be introducing fixed term tenancies, and that THH would continue with secure lifetime tenancies. Registered Providers would be encouraged to follow this lead, but the Council has no power to enforce this. Arising from the discussion, a number of questions would be prepared for Cllr Rabina Khan when she attends next month's meeting.</p> <p><b>Ellie O'Hagan (UNITE)</b></p> <p>Ellie will be in charge of the first of UNITE the Union's Community Hubs which will be based in the basement of St. George's Town Hall in Shadwell, and which they hope will be open by the end of the year. The Federation has been invited to have a space in the new</p>

development. Ellie outlined what would be on offer, and emphasised that it would be for us to determine our activities and campaigns while using the facilities and contacts that a larger organisation could offer. Following discussion, it was agreed that this was an initiative well worth exploring provided that our independence was not affected in any way. It was hoped that the new office space would enable us, with volunteers, to provide an improved service for the social housing residents of the Borough.

**Questions for Rabina**

Martin distributed the responses to the questions put at our June meeting. It was suggested that these be taken away and that further questions be sent to Mark by the weekend for Rabina to consider before she attends our next meeting. Arising from Rabina's answers, Phil reported that Margaret Cox and Shamsul Hoque had been appointed to the THH Board, but there had been no quorate recent meetings of that organisation.

**Housing Forum**

Jenny and Phil have been invited to the Housing Forum this coming Wednesday. They will be asking for its endorsement of the Residents' Charter, and for two representatives from the Federation to attend future Forum meetings.

**Estate Issues**

Old Ford : Eileen reported problems relating to changes in the concierge service and also electricity bills. Eileen and Mehdi to liaise on this.

New Festival Quarter: Clare queried red card system for those hanging out washing. It was agreed to forward the general issue of the Council's influence over RPs as a question to Rabina.

Swan Housing: Mehdi itemised complaints against Swan. This will be part of this same question to Rabina.

Wellington Estate: Cyril explained that their community hall was now a nursery, and so there was nowhere for people to meet. Again, the general question of meeting spaces will be put to Rabina.

English Street: Belle pointed out that neither the Cabinet nor Rabina had any say in the large number of buildings put up around English Street or elsewhere in the Borough. This seems to be the sole prerogative of the Development Committee, and emanated from the Core Strategy determined a number of years ago.

Digby Greenaway: Jean told us The Tramshed was no longer available to the community but was let out to other groups. Mehdi to meet with Jean to discuss what could be done.

Lincoln Estate: Uche was pleased to inform us that the Lincoln TRA was to be re-launched at a public meeting on October 4th.

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**Signed**

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**Phil Sedler - Chair THFedTRAs**