

TH Federation of TRAs Minutes

Monday, 18th April 2011 at 7.00pm.

Collingwood Hall, London E1



PRESENT					
Phil Sedler - Chair	PS	Collingwood (THH)	Brian Stanley	BS	
Clive Palmer	CP	Brownfield	Nina Ezeg	NE	Pitsea (THH)
Vicky Palmer	VP	(HARCA)	Elaine King	EK	Pitsea (THH)
Elizabeth Adebisi	EA	Collingwood (THH)	Cyril Farby	CF	
Bill Valentine	BV		Andrew Robinson	AR	Barley Mow (THH)
Sister Christine	SC	Splash	Ezinne Uchekukion	EU	Lincoln (THH)
Hugh Barnard	HB	Barley Mow (THH)	Uche Onwubiko	UO	Lincoln (THH)
Mark Taylor	MT	Eric & Treby (EEH)	Pawla Cottage	PC	Columbia Road
Claire Winter	CW	St Stephens (THH)			

ITEM		ACTION
	Meeting commenced at 7.00pm.	
1.	<p>Introductions and Apologies Apologies from Myra Garrett, Lene Milaa, Nick Gopaul, Eilene Short, Jane Hartly, Rabia Matin</p> <p>PS explained that Cllr Rabina Khan was keen to be involved with the Federation. He went on to explain that a presentation was to be arranged at Mullberry Place to explain changes and impact of the housing benefit regulations. Also a meeting with the young Mayor. It was suggested that this be held on Monday 16th May. Monday 13th would be an alternate day.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of February meeting</p> <p>PS went through the minutes</p> <p>PS gave a brief report on observations made at a recent meeting organised by Cllr Rabina Kahn for East End Homes residents to express concerns about governance and resident involvement.</p> <p>The status of the offer document prior to ballot and transfer was discussed.</p> <p>SC gave an update on the Robbin Hood Gardens situation and confirmed that Swan Housing looked to be the chosen developer.</p> <p>BS commented on resident engagement. He stated that despite turning up for meetings with residents THH seem to be doing there best to marginalise TRAs</p> <p>PS bought up the problems TRAs have with halls.</p> <p>EK said that all during the process of "Housing Choice" leading up to the ballot promises were made about by RSLs that they had money for amenities (parking, community halls etc) but they have not delivered. EK asked if any other TRA had been asked to sign a lease. THH had asked her TRA to sign a</p>	

	<p>new lease but a corporate lawyer warned them not to sign as it was "loose". Edith Fekhurobo is currently doing an "Outline Methodology for Community Halls"</p> <p>PS said he had made the point to Gavin Cansfield that "commercial rents" for halls would could not paid by TRAs and the Mayor was made aware of our concerns at our recent meeting</p> <p>UO explained on his estate that both community halls Link Centre and the Baptist Lighthouse Hall are being run by Harca. He said he asked questions about a hall for THH residents this but has received no answer.</p> <p>It was agreed that pressure should be kept up on THH to do regular maintenance on properties to avoid the large major works bills being given to leaseholders.</p> <p>3. Follow up on March meeting</p> <p>4. July Federation Conference</p> <p>PS gave out an outline of how we have progressed with ideas for the summer conference and Invited more ideas from the meeting.</p> <p>A long discussion was had about possible speakers and subjects that could be covered and how workshops would be run.</p> <p>5. May AGM</p> <p>PS said he would produce an annual report and UO would report on the financial situation. PS also announced that there would be a change proposed to the constitution to allow non THH members to vote.</p> <p>6. AOB</p> <p>AR suggested that as the Federation gains members we may need to have tighter grip on the meetings to allow them to progress without to many interruptions. He said we should support the Chair to ensure this happens.</p> <p>BS had concerns about freedom of speech and who would decide what can and cannot be said.</p> <p>AR said that we should look into contacting an organisation for legal advice to deal with issues</p> <p>EK said at the Federation meeting 28th March Gavin Cansfield said that phase 2 works on Pitsea would definitely go ahead but has since found out that works were still to be confirmed by the council. The Police say they are not going ahead door entry system. Residents have not been told. This causes trust issues with THH. EK also commented on the lack of real consultation.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9:00pm - Date of Next Meeting Monday 27th June 2011</p>	
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Signed **Date**

Phil Sedler -Chair THFedTRAs