

TH Federation of TRAs Minutes

Monday, 25th July 2011 at 7.00pm.

Collingwood Hall, London E1



PRESENT					
Phil Sedler - Chair	PS	Collingwood (THH)	Fabian Tompsett	FT	Samuda Estate
Geoff Juden	GJ		Jean Taylor	JT	
Clive Palmer	CP	Brownfield	Jenny Fisher	JF	
Hugh Barnard	HB	Barley Mow (THH)	Lucy Rogers	LR	
Sister Christine	SC	Splash	Glyn Robbins	GR	
Myra Garrett	MG		Uche Onwubiko	UO	Lincoln (THH)
Claire Winter	CW	St Stephens (THH)	Mark Taylor	MT	Eric & Treby (EEH)
Lene Milaa	LM	Eric & Treby (EEH)	Brian Stanley	BS	
Elizabeth Adebisi	EA	Collingwood (THH)			

ITEM		ACTION
	<p>Meeting commenced at 7.00pm. Apologies: Eileen Short, Terry McGrenera, Andrew Robinson, Azezzun Zahraah, Nick Gopaul, Natalia Langlais.</p>	
1.	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The accuracy of the minutes was agreed, and it was noted that most items were on today's agenda.</p> <p>Phil reported on the consultation meeting he had attended on the future of the ALMO. Tenants, leaseholders and freeholders would all be allowed to vote. An Independent Adviser would be appointed to answer residents' queries. (S)he would be reachable by email, phone or text, and would have information as to the financial implications of the ALMO being taken back in-house. (S)he would not be able to discuss what guarantees there could be that any change would be for the better. Concern had been expressed as to the rush towards a decision by the end of this year. Although nothing was said at the meeting, there was a strong impression that the Mayor wants to take the ALMO back in-house.</p>	
2.	<p>JULY 9TH CONFERENCE AND FUTURE PRIORITIES</p> <p>It was felt that the Conference had been a success, and that many useful ideas had emerged from it. The Q and A sessions were particularly enlightening, and we have a tape of the afternoon session for future reference. We also have photographs of the proposals listed during the morning workshops, and Hugh promised to send us his notes</p>	

	<p>on the leaseholders' session.</p> <p>We need to follow up urgently issues raised relating to housing benefit, planning and regeneration, as well as the proposed Residents' Charter. This last would be high on the agenda of the August meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed to have a small follow-up meeting on August 3rd for those interested in developing capacity-building potential.</p> <p>3. FUNDING Myra reported on the bid we are making to the Council for funding. This is based on what was agreed at our June meeting, and requests a three-year grant for two part-time workers for fifteen hours per week each, with a further twenty per cent to cover other expenses. If successful, we would extend the existing Administrator's hours, and also employ a worker responsible for outreach and campaigning. A variety of views was expressed regarding governance and more general funding of the Federation in this new situation, and this will clearly require further discussion.</p> <p>4. AOB There was concern about the closure of police stations in the Borough, as well as the general cutbacks in police staffing and hours.</p> <p>Mark highlighted the campaign of the London Federation emphasising the misuse of the word 'affordable' in relation to rents in the social housing sector.</p> <p>The possibility of inviting a speaker from the Chartered Institute of Housing was also mooted.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Federation gives a higher priority to accessibility issues</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 22nd August 2011</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8:45pm</p>	

Signed

Phil Sedler

Chair THFedTRAs

Date