

TH Federation of TRAs Minutes

Monday, 22nd August 2011 at 7.00pm.

Collingwood Hall, London E1



PRESENT					
Phil Sedler - Chair	PS	Collingwood (THH)	Brian Stanley	BS	Teesdale & Hollybu
Clive Palmer	CP	Brownfield	Jean Taylor	JT	
Brian Nicholson	BN	London Dockers	Nick Gopaul	NG	
Jenny Fisher	JF		Myra Garrett	MG	Sidney Estate
Uche Onwubiko	UO	Lincoln (THH)	Kate Scannell	KS	Peabody Est.
Ezinne Uchechukion	EU	Lincoln (THH)	Mark Taylor	MT	Eric & Treby (EEH)
Julia Hunt	JH		Lene Milaa	LM	Eric & Treby (EEH)
Jon Morris	JM				
APOLOGIES					
		Damian Chittock	Clare Winter		Lucy Rogers
		Greg Robbins	Azezzun Zahraah		Fabian Tompsett
					Hugh Barnard

ITEM		ACTION
	Meeting commenced at 7.00pm.	
1.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	
2.	<p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</p> <p>The accuracy of the minutes was agreed, and it was noted that most items were on today's agenda. There was no further news on the consultation regarding the future of the ALMO. There was disappointment that we had had no communication from Cllr. Rabina Khan on the various issues we have been discussing with her.</p>	
3.	<p>CAPACITY BUILDING</p> <p>Draft documents were submitted to the meeting following the sub-group meeting earlier in the month. These comprised a Development Plan, a Residents Charter and a new leaflet advertising the Federation. All three documents were well received.</p> <p>It was proposed that we produce a regular newsletter, preferably indicating support from Cllr. Khan, and distributed to all TRAs. This prompted a discussion on the considerable difficulty in obtaining a list of estates in the Borough. Could 'Open House' be a likely source of information?</p> <p>A variety of issues arose from the Draft Development Plan. It was felt that a centrally-based office was required, staffed by volunteers, to be used as a resource base for TRAs. Also, we should extend our publicity to encompass the Bangladeshi media. Most particularly, we need to campaign for RSLs to recognise TRAs.</p>	

	<p>Similarly, the Residents Charter needed to be used as a campaigning tool which could be revised and amended as necessary. The draft leaflet was praised, but work would be required on its format.</p> <p>Following further discussion, it was agreed that the sub-group, to also include UO, JT and CP, would meet again at 6.30pm on Monday September 5th at the Hall to iron out the implications of what had been agreed.</p> <p>4. FUNDING</p> <p>There was no news of any progress on our application to the Council for funding. We would be seeking alternative sources (to be discussed further on September 5th) and would also be considering once more the governance of the Federation which may widen future funding possibilities.</p> <p>5. SIGNIFICANT ESTATE ISSUES</p> <p>CP queried the lack of regular proactive inspections on estates. Monthly walkabouts neither revealed long-term problems nor matters relating to Health and Safety. Clearly perceived financial restraints were the reason for the lack of regular inspections, but this was a short-term saving only.</p> <p>JT expressed concern as to the low priority given to accessible homes, and also what she saw as excessive rents for sheltered housing.</p> <p>6. AOB</p> <p>BN flagged up the events on October 2nd & 3rd to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street.</p> <p>NEXT MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH STARTING AT 7.00PM SHARP</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm</p>	

Signed

Phil Sedler

Chair THFedTRAs

Date