

# TH Federation of TRAs Minutes

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 at 7.00pm.

Collingwood Hall, London E1



PRESENT		APOLOGIES
Phil Sedler - Chair	PS	Derek Cutler
Cyril Farby	CF	
Angus Collin	AC	
Terry McGrenera	TM	
Myra Garrett	MG	
Claire Winter	CW	
Sister Christine	SC	
Lucy Rogers	LR	
Uche Onwubiko	UO	
Ezinne Uchechukion	EU	
Elizabeth Adebisi	EA	
Mark Taylor	MT	
Lene Milaa	LM	
Eileen Short	ES	
Nick Durie – London Citizens	ND	

ITEM		ACTION
	<b>Meeting commenced at 7.00pm.</b>	
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
2.	<p><b>Guest speaker – Nick Durie from London Citizens.</b></p> <p>Nick explained his history in the tenants movement and how he came to be working for London Citizens. London Citizens proposal for St Clement s Hosp site would be 150 homes 50 social, 50 affordable and 50 private. They will be working with Igloo who specialise in sustainable place-making. He stressed that local support would be needed as HCA is a conservative organisation and would tend to chose more traditional developers. The HCA “sifting” process would start around December.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Funding and office – report from part-time worker.</b></p> <p>Office up and running - room 12a – post box to come – telephone still to discuss with Kay Jordan</p> <p>Federation invitation letters sent to Paul Allen for distribution to THH TRAs as THH would not give TRA contact details. No confirmation yet received they have gone out. Possibly the AC</p>	<p>MT PS</p> <p>MT</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>inspection is the main focus of THH at the moment. LR commented that Camden have a list of TRAs on their website.</p> <p>Web site up – needs content – MT suggested idea of separate pages linked from side bar for each TRA</p> <p><b>Petition or Deputation to LBTH Council 8th December &amp; relations with new Mayor and Cabinet.</b></p> <p>Moved to end of meeting – ES late arrival</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Issues of concern to raise with Tower Hamlets Homes.</b></p> <p><b>Decent homes</b></p> <p>Coalition government has now announced they are scrapping the performance requirement for councils to access decent homes funding. TM said 2 stars does not guarantee money – end of the day Pickles decides. SC said it would be the poorer communities fighting over less money. UO suggested people go to their councillors to ask. SC said the issues around tenancies was the biggest problem. PS said he had email twice to Rashanara Ali but not yet received a reply</p> <p><b>Recent events at Robin Hood Gardens &amp; Will Crooks Estate – any further concerns from other Estates</b></p> <p>SC updated on the events at Will Crooks Estate re heavy handed clearing of washing lines, plants and bicycles. Drying clothes in crowded flats was difficult. Only minor official turned up to explain THH actions EA asked where people can dry clothes – tumble driers should be provided. AC pointed out that at some point H&amp;S will arise – residents on Barley Mow do things that contravene fire regulations – drying rooms are needed and secure cycle stores. UO asked what had changed to bring about this policy. It was agreed that due to recent Southwark fire.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>Item 4. (moved to end of meet)</p>	<p><b>Planning for re-launch meeting.</b></p> <p>SC combine relaunch with tackling tenancy changes TM suggested re-launch should be when we know what is happening about money – Cameron has no housing policy just strategy to save money.</p> <p><b>Petition or Deputation to LBTH Council 8th December &amp; relations with new Mayor and Cabinet.</b></p> <p>A general discussion about the the Federation presenting the recent petition to the next Full Council Meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. It was decided a petition would be best. It was agreed that ES would be the main speaker and that all</p>	<p>MT to arrange with LBTH Democratic Services.</p>

7.	<p>those who wanted to attend would meet outside Mullberry Place at 19.00 Original petition to be copied and sent plus hand delivered letters sent to Mayor &amp; Councillors.</p> <p><b>AOB</b>  PS summed up – no meeting in December  Working group – high on agenda for next meeting</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  Monday 24<sup>h</sup> January 2011</p>	MT PS Letters to all Councillors & Mayor prior to meet.
<b>Meeting closed at 9:00pm</b>		

**Signed** .....

**Phil Sedler**

**Chair THFedTRAs**

**Date** .....