

Minutes



Homes 4 Us

Monday 12th January 12pm – 2pm

Board Room, Hounds Gate

PRESENT:

Clive Thorpe, Samantha Thorpe, Catherine Shenton, Sue Stevenson, Jason Cotterill Attaway, Alan Darby, L Labana, E Graham, Jenny Grant, Valerie Schneider, Lynn Mitchell

Officers: Sue O' Connor, Brian Walker,

Guest Speaker:

John Wheeldon (Service Manager Age Concern Nottingham)

Apologies:

Alison Thorpe, June Wheldon

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1.0 Welcome & Apologies

Clive welcomed everyone to the meeting and did a roundtable of introductions. He then requested that everyone spoke up and stated that he is in discussion with Chris Langstaff concerning a loop system.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting and Matters Arising

- 2.1**
- Sue Stevenson asked for her name to be amended as it is listed as Sue Stevens on the minutes.

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- 2.2** • Lyn Mitchell requested that minutes go out 10 days prior to the meeting.

- 2.3** • Item 4 – Valerie Schneider reported that she has received a letter from Highways and some of the issues raised are being addressed and roads inspected regularly and monitored

- 2.4** • Page 4 the address of The Vine is Bobbersmill Road not Boswell Road

- 2.5** • Valerie Schneider corrected the names for the Nottingham Young Carers – they are Tony Whatton/Kam Leital/Meryl Salt

- 2.6** • The item concerning the meeting held on December 8th was carried over to the next meeting

3.0 Age Concern – John Wheeldon Service Manager

John Wheeldon introduced himself and gave a presentation concerning the Handyperson Service offered by Age Concern Nottingham. (Details attached)

4.0 Brian Walker - Aids & Adaptations

Brian Walker gave an update on the performance figures for Aids & Adaptations. He stated that the only figure that wasn't showing improvement was question 1 which was about initial contact made for referrals for adaptations. BW stated that as initial contact is not with NCH this figure does not reflect the service that NCH give and went on to explain some of the improvements his department has made to the

service. They are trying to consult with tenants all the time in order to improve the service and have started sending out letters to tenants giving them a time scale for when the job/adaptation will be completed.

It was asked if the main stumbling block was the referral from Occupational Therapy and it was suggested that someone from the service should be invited to the meeting.

5.0 Homes 4 Us Conference 2009

- Looking at holding the conference at the end of April
- Clive Thorpe is to get a price for the Denewood Centre
- The Sheila Russell Centre was suggested and the meeting was informed that Acorn use it and it is £11 per hour
- The Hyson Green Community Centre was also suggested as it has level access.
- It was stated that there is a problem with the sound at the Denewood Centre.
- It was asked if the portable loop system could be made available for the day.
- The decision was that two venues with prices for the day need to be sorted out so that a comparison and final decision can be made.
- Suggested time for the conference is 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
- The budgets for last year's conference were requested.
- Those present were asked if they felt it necessary to form a separate sub committee to plan the conference or was everyone present happy to attend extra meetings.
- The decision was for everyone present to plan the Conference.

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- Everyone was asked to take a look through the report on last year's conference and to bring ideas to the first Conference planning meeting.
- The date of the first conference meeting was decided as Tuesday 27th January at 10.00 a.m. in the Housing Service Centre meeting room at Hounds Gate.
- Two workshops were suggested;
 - OT and Aids & Adaptations
 - Bridging the Gap
 - Mental Health Workshop
 - with Robin Johnson

6.0 Any Other Business

- 6.1** • It was suggested that the forum join 'Positive about mental health and learning disability'
- 6.2** • John Wheeldon asked for ideas to promote Age Concerns Handy Person services
- 6.3** • The Chair Clive Thorpe on behalf of the Homes 4 Us forum thanked Catherine Shenton for arranging the meeting on 8th December 2008 which concentrated on Mental Health, and requested that this be minuted.

7.0 Date and Time of the next meeting

**Monday 23rd February 2009
5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Tenants Resource Centre at Hounds Gate**