

# Minutes

Homes 4 Us

Monday 06 April 2009 11.30am – 2pm

Tenant Resource Centre, Hounds Gate



## PRESENT:

Clive Thorpe, Sue Stevenson, Jenny Grant, Alan Darby, Valerie Schneider, Ruth Haywood, Alison Thorpe, Elaine Graham, Loveleen Labana.

**Officers:** Cheryl Rawling NCH

**Guest Speaker:** N/A

## Apologies:

Catherine Shenton, Sue O'Connor NCH

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### 1.0 Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2.0 Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

JG asked in what capacity the last guest speaker attended the meeting. Did she attend as an Officer or a Tenant? The Chair replied that she was invited to update the Forum on the progress made by Places for People and also to help both groups liaise with each other but she didn't get a chance to talk.

The Forum agreed that in future guest speakers should be first on the agenda and then a decision will be made as to whether they will be allowed to stay through the whole meeting or not.

SS suggested that the Forum should inform everyone that anything said at meetings is confidential.

VS stated that speakers should inform the Forum of any conflicts of interest.

AT said that it would be a good idea to get feedback from Alison Trout. The Chair suggested writing to places for people.

VS suggested that the Forum should devise a feedback form for guest speakers.

The Chair said that checks must be made to ensure that new members are tenants or leaseholders.

JG stated that she had suggested folders but her initials were not highlighted.

SS stated that the gas letters are with Sue O'Connor.

The Chair said that Sue O'Connor is going to put a booklet together for the next meeting. SO

The Forum wanted to know if the conference is advertised on the website. SO

### **3.0 Homes 4 Us Conference Update**

The members were concerned that they had not received invitations for the conference.

Tim Prentice from the marketing team was invited into the meeting to note the changes the members wanted to make to the flyer. After some minor changes the members were in agreement with the format.

Sue O'Connor's conference update was given to the members by CR.

VS stated that she had been in contact with a group of Healers for the Healing room. The only charge would be travel expenses but VS suggested that the Forum give a donation to them.

JG was concerned that people may be offended by the presence of Healers at the conference. The Chair suggested that the forum consult with attendee's at the conference and if they want healers invite them to the next conference. SS wanted to know if there would be an evaluation form given out at the conference because a question about healers could be added to that. The Chair agreed but he still wanted the forum to talk to attendee's as well. The forum voted 8 – 1 in favour of the Chairs

SS stated that the hearing loop system was not charged up and that NCH were not catering for the needs of the group. Tables and chairs for the resource centre had been on order for 6 months.

The forum agreed to invite Catherine Roe (Asbestos) to a meeting to talk to them about funding. CR

### **4.0 Forward Planning review for 2009/2010(postponed from 09/03/09 meeting)**

This item is to be discussed at a future next meeting.

Possible suggestions;

The Chair stated that he would like to look at changes to occupational therapy and how they will affect the Forum.

VS said that NRS (Nottingham Rehab Supplies) have been leaving boxes in peoples houses for weeks before collecting them. The Forum could look into this.

The Chair was concerned that adaptations were being carried out after people had been moved into properties causing unnecessary worry and stress. The Forum could look into the possibility of adaptations being completed before people are moved in. JG said that OT and NCH need to communicate better to consider peoples needs. The Chair stated that part of the remit of the Forum should be to talk to both NCH and NCC about this.

VS stated that Trent Valley Lifts had been taken over by Oakland Excelsior, the warehouse in Cotgrave had closed and there were now delays in supplying spare parts. The Forum should look at this.

AT suggested that the Forum look into Homelink allocations and how medical referrals work under Homelink. The Forum need to invite a member of the Homelink team to a meeting after the conference.

## **5.0 Mental Health Awareness Group**

The Chair stated that he had been invited to a meeting that had been set up by staff but he knew little about it.

## **60 Any Other Business**

SS wanted to know why the IIP logo was missing from the agenda and why there is no minicom sign on the board outside Houndsgate.

The loop system was not charged up. SS asked that it be charged up for the next meeting.

LL wanted to know if people with speech impediments can have someone to speak on their behalf. The forum agreed that they could.

AT gave her apologies for the meetings on 20<sup>th</sup> April and 22 April.

VS and SS agreed to attend the opening of the ballot papers 2pm on 20<sup>th</sup> April at Houndsgate.

**The next meeting will be held at 5pm, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 in the Tenants Resource Centre**

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