

Minutes

Homes 4 Us
Monday 20TH April 2009 5 – 7 p.m.
Tenant Resource Centre, Hounds Gate



PRESENT:

Clive Thorpe, Sue Stevenson, Sarah Thorpe, Jenny Grant, Alan Darby, Valerie Schneider, Lynn Mitchell, Loveleen Labana, Ruth Haywood

Officers: Sue O' Connor NCH,

Guest Speaker: None

Apologies:

Alison Thorpe,

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1.0 Welcome & Apologies

2.0 Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

- SS asked for the investors in people logo to be added to the agenda
- Minicom sign still not been put up outside the main office
- The Homes 4 Us card/leaflet was passed around SS asked for the minicom number to be added to it in future.

The minutes were then agreed as a true record

3.0 Homes 4 Us Conference Update and further planning

- SO reported that she had received a complaint about how the vote for the Chair and Vice Chair would be carried out at the conference.
- It was decided that everyone registering would be given the pen portraits and a ballot slip these would be collected and the results announced at lunch time.
- Tony Bernard has now been contacted concerning the Mental Health workshop but he may not be able to attend.
- An alternative workshop was decided which will be run by Homes 4 Us and asking people what they want from the forum and NCH.

Conference packs;

- SO reported that she had found some Homes 4 Us balloons from the previous conference.
- SO also reported that she has found some goodie bags left over from the Getting Involved week and will be getting them sent over from Bestwood Housing Office.
- It was decided that if any conference bags needed packing that they would be done on Friday.
- SO has produced a feedback form to be included in the packs, there was a query over the Equal Opportunities section. This was stated as being a requirement with the type of questions being set by the government, but did not have to be completed if a person didn't wish to.
- The answers to the questions concerning the conference and Homes 4 Us are to be published in the copy of the NCH News after the conference. CT stated that he wanted a copy to be reviewed by Homes 4 Us before it went out to all tenants.
- There will be some members of the Guides and Scouts on hand to assist anyone who needs help with writing and they will write whatever the person wants.
- The forum were not happy with the fact that the NCH news had not yet gone out with the advertisement for the conference in it. Also the Nottingham Evening post had only advertised it for one night.
- CT stated that this would be one area of the conference that will be examined at a special meeting which will be held afterwards to breakdown the events leading up to it.
- There was a query over transport being provided it was agreed that it would be booked on Friday and all those concerned would be phoned with the time of their pick up.
- The timetable/programme for the day was agreed.
- Roles for the day were agreed as follows;
 - Main Desk
 - * Sue Stevenson
 - * Alison Thorpe
 - * Alan DarbyBoth Sue and Alan would leave after 45 minutes to take part in the conference Alison would be staying at the desk.
 - Introduction of the Workshops
 - * Valerie Schneider
 - * Jenny Grant
 - * Lynn MitchellThis will just be a welcome and an introduction of the speaker.
 - Scribes for the day
 - * The Tenant and Leaseholder Involvement Team

- The Guides and Scouts will be on hand to assist with refreshment, take people to workshops/lunch, do any writing as necessary and supervise the car park.
- CT stated that the disabled spaces at the centre would be reserved for emergency vehicles only.
- The Denewood Centre will be available for the delivery of equipment stalls etc from 12.00 p.m. on Friday.
- They have requested that all equipment be removed afterwards as last time they had to store a lot of items, CT stated that there would be a van going on Monday which would be able to collect any items left behind and take them to Hounds Gate.
- CT will be getting hearing loops from Aspley Housing Office.
- It was decided that names would be written on sticky labels which would be colour coded with dots to allocate people to their workshop sessions.
- CT will be providing tea, coffee, sugar and cups SO to provide milk and straws.
- CT has asked Tim Prentice to provide copies of all the NCH leaflets.
- There will be 6 radios available on the day and access to an outside line at reception for emergencies.
- The group voted on how much food should be provided as there will be approximately 12 scouts and guides, all the stall holders, staff and volunteers from Homes 4 Us plus the fact that so far there has only been 13 returns so it was agreed to cater for 74 plus one gluten free meal.

4.0 **Any Other Business**

There was a discussion over the length of time it takes a disabled person to get a visit from Social Services to approve an adaptation, this has been reported in some cases as being eight months. This report then has to go back to Aids and Adaptations after the adaptation has been approved before it can be done. CTY stated that it was up to Homes 4 Us to start challenging the City Council and Social Services to see if a better and more direct system can be put in to place to make the service better for the disabled tenants of NCH.

The meeting then closed.

5.0 **The next meeting is to be held on Monday 11th May 2009**
12.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Tenants Resource Centre at Hounds Gate