

TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' CONSULTATIVE FORUM MINUTES

9 NOVEMBER 2010

Chairman: * Councillor Bob Currie

Councillors: * Mano Dharmarajah * Simon Williams
* Barry Macleod-Cullinane

In attendance: Camilla Bath Minute item 13
(Councillors) Susan Hall Minute items 13 and 16

* Denotes Member present

Antoney's Close Tenants' and Residents' Association
Brookside Close Tenants' and Residents' Association
Cottesmore Tenants' and Residents' Association
Eastcote Lane Tenants' and Residents' Association
Elmgrove Tenants' and Residents' Association
Harrow Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Associations
Harrow Weald Tenants' and Residents' Association
Leaseholder Support Group
Pinner Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association
Weald Village Tenants' and Residents' Association
Woodlands Community Association

12. Attendance by Reserve Members

RESOLVED: To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance at this meeting.

13. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

Agenda Items: 7. Smart Water Presentation, 8. Climate Change Presentation, 9. Housing Ambition Plan (HAP) Progress Report, 10. INFORMATION REPORT - Resident Services Manager's Report, 11. INFORMATION REPORT - Asset Manager's Report, 12. INFORMATION REPORT - Review of the Terms of Reference for TLCF, 13. INFORMATION REPORT - Review of Resident Involvement Structure, 14. INFORMATION REPORT - Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Forecast Outturn 2010/11 15. INFORMATION REPORT - Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2011/12 to 2015/16 16. INFORMATION REPORT - Community Centres, 17. INFORMATION REPORT - Garage Strategy, 18. INFORMATION REPORT - Parking Enforcement Proposals, 19. INFORMATION REPORT - Resident Involvement Activities, 20. Coalition Government Policies

Councillor Bob Currie declared personal interests on the above items in that he attended monthly meetings of the Eastcote Lane Tenants' and Residents' Association. He would remain in the room whilst the matters were considered and voted upon.

Councillor Mano Dharmarajah declared personal interests on the above items in that he attended monthly meetings of the Eastcote Lane Tenants' and Residents' Association. He would remain in the room whilst the matters were considered and voted upon.

Councillor Susan Hall declared personal interests on the above items in that she attended numerous Tenants' and Residents' Association meetings and police meetings. She would remain in the room whilst the matters were considered and voted upon.

Councillor Camilla Bath declared personal interests on the above items in that she attended numerous Tenants' and Residents' Association meetings. She would remain in the room whilst the matters were considered and voted upon.

14. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2010, be taken as read and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

(i) Agenda Item 2. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Simon Williams declared a personal interest in all substantive items on the agenda in that his wife was a Community Psychiatric Nurse.

(ii) Representatives from the following Associations in attendance:

To remove Alexandra Tenants' and Residents' Association from those being marked as present.

15. Public Questions and Deputations

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions were put, or deputations received at this meeting.

16. Petitions

Councillor Susan Hall submitted a petition with 12 signatures on behalf of the residents of Milman Close, with the following terms of reference:

“We, the residents of Milman Close, hereby sign to oppose the Councils notice of intention to update the windows at Milman Close under the Decent Homes Windows Refurbishment Programme 2010/11, on the basis of exorbitant costs and unnecessary extra work.”

RESOLVED: That the petition be received and referred to the Divisional Director of Housing Services for consideration.

RESOLVED ITEM

17. Smart Water Presentation

At the request of the Chairman, an officer from the Metropolitan Police provided a verbal presentation on the benefits of utilising the SmartWater initiative.

He advised that:

- SmartWater was a substance that was only visible under ultraviolet light and could be used to mark personal property. The substance could help prosecute criminals and burglars in possession of stolen goods;
- there were 80,000 Smart water kits available on a first come first served basis. Approximately 10,000 kits had been delivered;
- the kits, worth between £60 and £70, were free to residents in Harrow as part of the initiative.

In response to questions, the Police Officer advised that SmartWater was quick and easy to use. Residents were now permitted to keep the bottle once it has been opened and used.

During the discussion on this item, a second petition was raised on the basis of the cost of work being undertaken at Shaftsbury Circle under the Decent Homes Programme. The second petition was rejected, as it had been raised under the incorrect agenda item. The Chairman agreed for the Divisional Director of Housing Services to receive the petition outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the verbal presentation be noted;
- (2) residents be encouraged to contact the Roxborne Safer Neighbourhood Team for further information regarding the SmartWater initiative.

(Note: The majority of Tenant and Resident Association Representatives present at the meeting left the room at the conclusion of this item.)

18. Quorum

Two Members of the Forum left the room at 7.55 pm making the meeting inquorate.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.02 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR BOB CURRIE
Chairman