

WOLVERHAMPTON FEDERATION OF TENANTS' ASSOCIATIONS CIC

Minutes of the Board Meeting held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at Coven Lodge, Spring Valley.

Attendance: Bob Deacon, Ann Guest, Andrew Slater, Margaret Perry, Marie Lane, Graham Childs, Lal Salter, Jan Lycett WHs (part), Nicky Devey WHs (part), Melissa Green (WCC), Lakhi Sahota WCC .

1. Apologies: Mr Motawalla, Dave Cocker, Gloria Blair Riley.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Minutes of meeting 2nd July 2019: Agreed

4. Matters arising:

- Lal said the meeting to renegotiate the contract with WCC will need to be rearranged
- Lal asked Jan about progress on Scrutiny, Jan said TPAS will be helping with this.

5. Report back from last WHs Board meeting 5th July :

Jan said there was a report by external audit. Whilst WHs financial processes and procedures are in order there is an issue nationally with pensions. There was a report on governance and committee structures and Jan suggested that she could report back from some of the committees in future as this feedback may have more relevance in terms of a customer service perspective. She said there was a report on modern slavery and advised members to report any concerns to WHs. Jan said there was a report on Health, Safety and Wellbeing by Tim Munro who is the interim manager. She said there is an issue with alerting tenants to the dangers of faulty tumble driers. Marie asked how WHs communicate with tenants, Jan said in different ways and that they are looking to use the Chronicle. Members said this has limited distribution. Jan said there was a report on ICT Development that included a discussion on replacement of kiosks.

6. Agenda for next WHs Board meeting 27th September 2019:

Jan said the meeting will include the AGM. There will be a report on financial arrangements and there will be elections to the Board and to the chair and vice chair. She said 2 independent Board members are stepping down Peter Knight and Kevin Fearon who are being replaced by Parveen Brigue and Satvinder Goraya and Mark Ward a tenant Board member is also stepping down. For the general meeting there is a report on governance and structures.

7. Report back from meetings:

- Ann said she had attended a Leaseholder meeting where she raised the concern as to fobs for flat entry being available at a local store at a cost of £10. Jan to look into this.
- Bob said the Delivery Plan meeting had been cancelled and the next meeting is in December. He said he had attended the Fire Safety Scrutiny Panel and concerns were raised as to the need for new regulations. He said Cllr Greg Brakenridge is to chair the West Midlands Fire Authority. Jan said sprinklers to be fitted in all

WHs high rise flats and Council new build. There was a general discussion about fire safety. Marie advised on fire safety blankets and fire safety mats.

Jan and Nicky left the meeting at this point.

8. Finance:

Lal referred members to the finance reports in their packs. These were agreed.

9. Progress against Service Plan 2019/20: Noted.

10. Progress against Business Plan 2019/20: Noted.

11. Update on progress of negotiations on future contract with WCC:

Meeting to be rearranged.

12. Correspondence:

None.

13. AOB:

- Lal referred members to the report on the Lottery grant.
- Andrew said he is being elected to chair the national organisation for TMOs.