

**MINUTES OF THE
TENANT LGBT OPEN MEETING**
Held at
SHIVER OFFICES on 9th August 2011

Attending
5 customers

1 Apology

Sandy Grundy & Andy Thompson

Item		Action by /before
	<p><u>1. Welcome</u> Sandy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.</p> <p><u>2. Richmond Fellowship</u> Darren Bee gave last minute apologies and was unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p><u>3. enGAYge quarterly newsletter</u> Sandy presented a draft copy of the Summer newsletter for discussion and approval of those present. Those present agreed that it could now be sent to the reading panel and then for general distribution.</p> <p><u>4. SHIVER updates</u> Andy informed members that there will be a days Transinclusion course in mid-late November the date will be set in the next few weeks. Guest speaker will be Dr Lewis Turner the Transinclusion advisor working for 'Press for Change' and a Fylde Liaison Officer. Sandy will be attending and will ensure that all enGAYge members are aware of the day and have the opportunity to attend.</p> <p><u>5. Housing update</u> Sandy noted that there will be a benefits bus at the 3 housing offices at the end of August giving financial advice. She also noted that loan sharks are prevalent at the moment and spoke about Credit Union and how to join.</p> <p><u>6. Any Other business</u> Sandy noted that she had been approached by Richmond Fellowship to ask if BCH would be interested in using another LGB&T venue which they are looking at opening up. Those present at the meeting commented that this would not be practical as all the resources needed for enGAYge and the wider LGB&T tenant community are fully facilitated at SHIVER offices. They also commented that this venue is in the town and easy to access and they are well established here and know the staff and feel 'comfortable'. Final comment was to confirm that they do not wish to use any alternative resource centre. Sandy noted that the initial choice of the SHIVER offices was that it was not a particularly outwardly appearing LGB&T venue and therefore discreet and tenants who were not 'out' could access the premises with confidence knowing that people would not assume they were going to an LGB&T meeting. It was also commented that BCH's ASB team (who are also 3rd party trained) have SHIVER as a referral agency for any LGB&T tenants who they</p>	

feel would benefit from support.

LGB&T forum to be held 2nd Thursday of each month at Town Hall.

Police PACT 1st Sept Town Hall 6.30pm.

Noted that Sandy is to contact the LGB&T PACT coordinator to ask if a set venue is possible as tenants never know where meeting are held each month.

7. Date and Time of next meeting

Next Meeting at the SHIVER office. 13th September 2011