

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TENANTS' LIAISON FORUM
14th July 2009**

Present:

Mrs C Thornber	Boston Way Tenants' Association
Mrs M Everett	Boston Way Tenants' Association
Mrs C Hardiman	Linden and Edmonton Residents' Association
Mrs J Sanderson	Linden and Edmonton Residents' Association
Mr T Clayton	Linden and Edmonton Residents' Association
Miss D Wightman	Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart Residents' Association
Mr B Rogers	Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart Residents' Association
Mrs A Stringer	Grange Park Residents Association
Mr J Newton	Queens Park Residents Association
Mrs G King	Queens Park Residents Association
Mr M Christian	Ingthorpe Tenants' and Residents' Association
Mrs E Christian	Ingthorpe Tenants' and Residents' Association
Mr P Waugh	Mereside Tenant' and Residents' Association
Mr R Allen	Mereside Tenant' and Residents' Association

In Attendance:

Councillor Mrs Henderson	Blackpool Council
Councillor Lee	Blackpool Council
Mr P Jefferson	Blackpool Coastal Housing
Mrs M Cornall	Blackpol Coastal Housing
Mr M Glennon	Blackpool Coastal Housing
Ms J Ellis	Blackpool Coastal Housing
Mrs S Grundy	Blackpool Coastal Housing
Mr D Watson	Connaught
Mrs L Latham	Legal and Democratic Services, Blackpool Council

Action

1. WELCOME

As the Chairman was not in attendance and the Vice Chairman had previously resigned from the position, Mrs L Latham, Legal and Democratic Services welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Mr C Holland, Mrs M Horn and Mrs S Buckley.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting of the Tenant Liaison Forum held on 15th July 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Due to the absence of the Chairman this item was deferred to the next meeting as an information item only.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs Latham, Legal and Democratic Services, reported that following a paper ballot, votes cast for the position of Chairman were as follows;

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Mrs M Horn – 5 votes
Mr J Newton – 7 votes

Mr Newton was duly elected as Chairman of the Tenant Liaison Forum for 2009 – 2010.

Votes cast for the position of Vice-Chairman were as follows;

Mr M Christian – 5 votes
Mrs G King – 8 votes
Mr J Newton – 0 votes

Mrs King was duly elected as Vice-Chairman of the Tenant Liaison Forum for 2009 – 2010.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Mrs Horn for her work as Chairman of the Forum during the previous year.

6. Criteria for Tenant and Residents Associations

Mike Glennon, Blackpool Coastal Housing, addressed the meeting regarding the Tenant Participation Advisory Service recommendation that within a scheme, 51% of the properties should be tenanted. It was noted that the scheme on Mereside would not meet this criteria.

A discussion took place regarding the role of the Tenant Liaison Forum in representing tenant issues and the potential issues which may arise should home owners be making decisions on tenant issues. It was noted that although home owners and tenants were part of the same community, as part of their agreement with Blackpool Coastal Housing, tenants paid for additional tenancy services on which feedback was required.

Concern was expressed that an inclusive approach should be maintained. It was noted that there was a distinct difference between involving customers in service development and community involvement. It was clarified that Resident's Associations dealt with community issues.

The Forum was informed of the Tenant Compact which had been introduced in Blackpool.

A proposal was put forward to reduce the current affiliation criteria from a minimum of 51% to a minimum of 35% being tenants or leaseholders of the council. This proposal was subsequently rejected by the majority of the group.

7. Dates of future meetings

It was agreed that the dates of the meetings for 2009-2010 would be scheduled as follows:

Tuesday 15th September 2009
Tuesday 10th November 2009
Tuesday 12th January 2010
Tuesday 9th March 2010
Tuesday 11th May 2010

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Tuesday 13th July 2010 (Annual General Meeting)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.26am

The meeting ended at 10.26am

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:

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