

**MINUTES OF THE  
TENANT LGBT OPEN MEETING**

Held at  
**SHIVER OFFICES on 11 October 2011**

**Attending  
4 customers**

**Sandy O'Grady**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action by /before</b>

	<p><b><u>1. Welcome</u></b> Sandy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.</p> <p><b><u>2. Walk the lights</u></b> Sandy informed all present that the walk the lights event will be postponed due to health and safety restrictions. She informed the members that this event will be arranged for next years Illuminations.</p> <p><b><u>4. SHIVER updates</u></b> Andy informed members that they will be made welcome to attend the PACT LGB&amp;T meeting and also LGB&amp;T Forum. Both and public meetings. Sandy commented that she along with Kevin and James will be attending the LGB&amp;T forum this coming Thursday 13th October. Sandy will give information about enGAYge and BCH as an LGB&amp;T friendly housing provider. Presentation on the work of SHIVER as an HIV service support centre was given. Explained that the office at 102 Dickson Road houses the main NHS LGB&amp;T project which is now called Renaissance. Under the umbrella of Renaissance is the SHIVER Project which supports men and women who are HIV positive from their initial diagnosis through to supporting themselves and their families. SHIVER offers counselling in groups or 1-1 and also a range of holistic treatments. This project is funded through the NHS and is a free service. As part of Renaissance is the LGB&amp;T community support worker Andy Thompson. Andy supports a wide variety of groups (9 in total at present) including gay men, lesbian women and transgender men/women. He has been in post for many years and is regarded as the main LGB&amp;T source of information for a wide number of other local services including the Police within Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde areas.</p> <p><b><u>5. Housing update</u></b> Queries were asked regarding the redevelopment of Queens Park estate. Several members present live on this estate and asked about the decant process. Sandy noted the process and answered queries accordingly.</p> <p><b><u>6. meetings</u></b> LGB&amp;T forum to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Town Hall. Police PACT 1st Thursday at Town Hall 6.30pm. For further information on LGB&amp;T support groups run at Renaissance please call Andy on: Office: 01253 311431. Mobile: 07875 355 390 email: AThompson@druglinelancs.co.uk</p> <p><b><u>7. Date and Time of next meeting</u></b> Next Meeting at the SHIVER office. 13th December 2011. There will be <u>NO</u> meeting in November.</p>
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