



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

Minutes of the TPG meeting at Denson Close, Waterbeach on 3rd February 2020

Attendee's (Tenants/Leaseholders)

Name	Address	
Wendy Head (WH (Chair)	Balsham	TPG
Patti Hall (PH(Vice chair)	Cottenham	TPG
Angela Lewell (AL (Secretary)	Impington	TPG
Joan Ball (JB)	Histon	TPG
Les Rolfe (LR)	Bourn	TPG
Val Hickey VH)	Waterbeach	TPG
Paul Bowman(PB)	Willingham	TPG
Jim Watson(JW)	Willingham	TPG
Nancy Chisholm (NC)	Gamlingay	TPG
Bob Petch (BP)	Gamlingay	TPG

Attendees (South Cambridgeshire District Council Representatives)

Name	Position in Council
Helen Pagram (HP)	Resident Involvement Officer
Jennifer Perry (JP)	Resident Involvement Team Leader
Geoff Clark (GC)	Acting Head of Housing Property Service
Julie Fletcher (JF)	Head of Housing Strategy & Housing

No	Topic	Actions
1.	<p>Apologies - Dave Hammond - Carol Akrbi - Maureen Crabbe</p> <p>Please Ring Wendy on 01223 894394 or email: wendymhead@yahoo.co.uk if you are unable to attend the next meeting</p>	All
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, agreed as a true record, and signed by the chair.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None</p>	
4.	<p>Jennifer Perry - Resident Involvement Team Leader</p> <p>Estate Inspection - Training is on the 4th March and there is a schedule from April 2020 to March 2021. There will be 2 estate visit's a month from April to October and then 1 a month to March, totalling 18 a year. Names were taken for those interested in this.</p> <p>Other working groups will be an Environmental , Editorial and Policy. Environmental</p>	

group will include the gardening competition, improve emission and make South Cambs greener. GC said there is a lot going on at the council re-this. The Policy group will be done by e-mail and the Editorial group will be social media and lots more. Find out what tenants want, versus what the council needs to tell them. Names were taken for those interested in these groups. JP asked for people to try to keep to 2 working groups.

JP said the groups she had been working with (LR, PB, Dave Callaway and Margaret), had discussed topics from last November to January to come up with idea's, key issues and to get feedback. There has been 6 meeting so have a range of topics to discuss tonight. LR and PB said the meetings had been very productive. PB said they had broken down various issues, i.e. ways of communication, information from tenants and what goes to South Cambs, membership of the TPG, age of group and housing, did it reflect those living in these houses. Northern part of South Cambs has 6/7,000 tenants who are not represented. Talking to people a big problem and no guarantee will read newsletter's etc sent to them. LR said there are possible options. 1 - Resident involvement team at the top, consultation group, sheltered and leaseholder's forums. not much happens, new things coming through but not really working. 2 - A board with tenant's councillors and staff, quarterly open meetings, rest of TPG on other groups. 3 - Same board and quarterly meetings for everyone. JP said will know who to contact on different levels, communication and more accessible. JF added this all comes from the Grenfell enquiry, tenants were not listen to.

Those present where given a leaflet with the 3 options. In 3 different groups, discussed which option they preferred. 2 of the groups preferred option 3 and the other option 2. The changes will take place in September/October time. JP said she likes people to be selected , while LR preferred election. JP said selection will be by interviewing tenants, who will need to know that they need to give about 90 hours of their time a year, ask for range of skills, talking to people, policies and how creative. LR said if elected then chosen by tenants, always be the tenants choice. Won't have to jump or be told what to do. Voting followed by TPG members present. 7 voted for election, 2 for selection and 1 abstained.

JP said will be 6 tenants on the board prepared to give a minimum of 50 hours up to 70/80 hours. I have suggested for board members only an allowance of £400 a year. A raise of hands showed agreement to this. Would still claim mileage. Also involved tenants on working groups could claim mileage or have a taxi. Tenants not involved would have to make their own way to meetings. Taxi's last year cost £12,000. If paid for taxi's for everyone budget would nearly double to £20,000. Lots to consider along the line before we get it right.

Meetings will all have the same agenda, will be informing people, have subject area such as universal credit, homes, environmentally friendly etc., and general surgery.

VH asked if they have concerns about their homes, may need hand rails or a wet

	<p>room, where do they go. It was suggested to have an agony aunt on the web-site. PB said spark interest (chicken/egg), us to spark interest to get tenants to start asking. Something done in Willingham, ask what they think, could your village use or need it.</p> <p>JP said have a new member of staff Tom starting, so all ideas don't get put by the wayside and will deal with digital etc. It will all be trial and error, about 2 years before it settles down.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Date and Venue of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 2nd March 2020 - 18:00 to 20:00 at Denson Close, Waterbeach</p>	