

Andrea Purdy (AP) – Chair, Margaret Foster - Deputy Chair, Wendi Carson (WC) – Treasurer, Jackie Worthington (JW) – Secretary, Madeline Hunter (MH), Jim Ojelade (JO), Roderick Morgan (RM), Tony Hepworth (TH), Sue Clifford (SC), Patricia Jackson (PJ), Alan Mann (AM), Dennis Moody (DM), Mick Dodds (MD)

Leeds Tenants Federation Management Board

Monday 2nd July 2018 in Committee Room 5, Civic Hall, Leeds

MINUTES

In Attendance	Initials	Position
Andrea Purdy	AP	Chair
Sue Clifford	SC	Board Member
Jackie Worthington	JW	Secretary
Maddie Hunter	MH	Board Member
Wendi Carson	WC	Treasurer
Tony Hepworth	TH	Board Member
Roderick Morgan	RM	Board Member
Alan Mann	AM	Board Member
Maddie Hunter	MH	Board Member
Margaret Foster	MF	Vice Chair
Peter Greenwood	PG	Housing Leeds
Apologies		
Dennis Moody	DM	Board Member
Mick Dodds	MD	Board Member
Jim Ojelade	JO	Board Member
Patricia Jackson	PJ	Board Member

Item No.		Owner
1	Introductions and Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were made for Dennis Moody, Mick Dodds, Jim Ojelade and Patricia Jackson.	
2	Conflicts of interest	
2.1	No conflicts of interest were raised.	
3	Minutes of the previous meeting	
3.1	The board agreed that the minutes were a true record.	
4	Matters Arising from the previous minutes not on the agenda	
4.1	Social media training has been arranged for 3 August available for all Board Members with appropriate access.	All
5	Finance	
5.1	17/18 accounts are with WYCAS.	

5.2	We had £5016.80 in the bank at the end of June. We are due to receive the balance for 18/19 from Housing Leeds.	
6	Training	
6.1	Board members are asked to provide details of any training they require.	All
6.2	First Aid training to be arranged for TH.	
7	Update from Housing Leeds and Strategic Housing Board	
7.1	Changes to the tenancy agreement are not to be implemented until Sept/Oct 2018.	
	4 high rise blocks have been fitted with free wi-fi with more blocks to be done.	
7.2		
7.3	The new housing IT solution to be rolled out imminently so applicants can bid online (ABRITAS).	
7.4	HAPS review – Inner NW Panel to be reduced (Kirkstall) and moved to Inner West Panel on 1 April 2019.	
7.5	The HL Annual Report is being written and LTF have their own section. To be published in Autumn 2018.	
7.6	LTF have a review meeting with Mandy Sawyer in July that will cover the first half of the year. Propose to have them every 6 months.	
7.7	Galas this summer: 7 July – Moor Allerton / Seacroft 14 July – Little London / Kirkstall Festival / Beeston 21 July – Armley Festival 6 August – Button Hill 19 August – Bramley Festival	
8	Feedback from the TARA Panel meetings	
8.1	There was no meeting in April.	
8.2	The May TARA Panel topic was Dementia and Maria Florez from Dementia Friendly Leeds talked to us about the help available if you/friends/family are impacted by this dreadful condition.	
8.3	The June TARA Panel topic was waste and recycling and Montserrat Rey from Leeds Environment Services told us about what to recycle (particularly in relation to the right types of plastic) and how waste is managed in Leeds. Everybody can do their bit to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste.	

	<p>More details are available from https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/housing/council-housing/getting-involved/leeds-tenants-federation</p>	
9	Feedback from VITAL meetings	
9.1	<p><u>April</u> We looked at HL's Housing Service Plan on a Page and reviewed VITAL's forward plan.</p>	
9.2	<p><u>May</u> We heard from Simon Costigan, Chief Officer for Property and Contracts about their priorities for 2018/19. We also reviewed HL performance against the HCA Consumer Standards for 17/18. The HCA Consumer Standards are:</p> <p>Home Standard Properties meeting decency standards Responsive repairs completed within timescales Responsive repairs right first time Satisfaction with repairs completed Satisfaction with capital works completed Gas services completed on time</p> <p>Tenancy Standard Average re-let times Number of mutual exchanges Number of annual home visits</p> <p>Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Standard Complaints responded to within timescales Calls answered at the Contact Centre</p>	
9.3	<p><u>June</u> Jackie Fox shared the questions for the next STAR survey and asked for any others we thought should be included. We heard about some delays to the new Housing IT solution. We were asked to comment on the first draft of the 17/18 Annual Report and the role of VITAL chair was discussed.</p> <p>All minutes are available at https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/housing/council-housing/getting-involved/vital</p>	
10	TARA visits	
10.1	We attended a new group in Ireland Wood and also Methley and Micklefield TARA .	
10.2	We assisted Housing Leeds with formalising the relationship between Housing Leeds and Kingsway TARA in Drighlington.	

11	Feedback from other Q1 events and meetings	
11.1	We held our general meeting on 21 st June at Oxford Place. Topics covered were on fire safety a year after Grenfell and the High Rise Strategy.	
11.2	The Strategic Housing Board has been formed with 2 tenant representatives. These are Andrea Purdy and Mick Dodds. The first meeting is on 18 th September of the core board. Further larger workshops will be rolled out on the themes of the Housing Strategy with the first one in October.	
11.3	<p>AM fed back about 2 events he had attended:</p> <p>13th June: Leeds Crime Reduction Network – St Georges Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic introductions were given around the history of the Leeds Crime Reduction Network. • An overview from Gordon Laing (Simon on the Streets) covering in particular rough sleepers in the city. • Gemma Scie from Basic Yorkshire gave an insight into the current issues faced by the sex industry and prostitution in the region. In particular those being trafficked in from Eastern Europe and the Balkans. • Workshops covered various topic areas – sexual abuse, sex working, thinking attitude and behaviour, accommodation, addiction, children and families, health and employment/training/education. • Cllr Debra Coupar covered the increasing area of Counter Terrorism that is no longer perceived to be from radicalised Islam but from Far Right, and the influence of populist parties on mainland Europe. <p>14th June: Galvanising Leeds Towards a Hate Free City – Leeds Civic Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic introductions were given by Rose Simpkins on the work and background of Stop hate UK. • Overview from Teresa Birtle on the work of Leeds GATE and how it has changed since the growth of the gypsy community emanating from Eastern Europe in the Harehills area, whilst still undertaking important and necessary work with the traditional traveller and gypsy communities in Leeds. • Sophia Thomas from TransLeeds gave an insight into the current issues faced by the Trans community not just from the heterosexual community but from within the LGBTQ+, with a significant increase of online hate particularly aimed at the supporting organisations. • Mike Ainsworth, Chair of the Government Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime National Strategy and Priorities, provided some background to their work, how they advise central government and input into proposed legislation. • There were two large sessions of workshops covering quite a number of subject areas including: WY Police Transport, Stop Hate UK – Reporting Hate Crime in Leeds, Stop Hate UK – Monitoring Hate Crime, Leeds Development Education Centre & Voice Influence and Change – Young People, Stop Hate UK – Online Hate, Leeds LGBTQ+ Hub – Public Places: City Centre and Night Time Economy, Aspire CBS – Public Spaces: What make a place a “safe space”?, Sophie Lancaster Foundation 	

	<p>– Monitoring Hate Crime: which communities should be included?, Stop Hate UK – Engaging in Hate incident reporting and Hate signposting centres in Leeds, Tea and Tolerance – local action and awareness training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan attended 4 workshops and details of two are given below: <u>WY Police – Transport</u> Looked at buses, trains and taxis. Talked about the “Trojan Horse” operation that has recently appeared in the Yorkshire Evening Post and how that has had a positive impact in some areas of Leeds. How trains have CCTV in all their carriages and train station platforms, and how this has reduced the number of incidents. The need to work closer with both bus companies and taxis who experienced a higher proportion of hate incidents. General discussion around the apathy of the public in reporting or tolerating hate incidents on public transport. <u>Sophie Lancaster Foundation</u> We discussed the different types of groups that are not currently covered by Hate Crime legislation. These included Goths, EMOs, and Misogyny etc. With regard to the latter category we were aware of an ongoing trial being undertaken by Nottinghamshire Police, and the results will be used to consider its future inclusion alongside other forms of hate. Kim Leadbetter gave an impassioned talk on the work of the Jo Cox Foundation and how important such events as Tea and Tolerance are part of the building blocks towards community cohesion. How the Foundation has grown in such a small space of time since the death of her sister, and now covers such areas as sport, art, food and other forms of cultural engagement. 	
12	Q2 events	
12.1	We are proposing to hold a TARA Talk East event in August for groups in the east of the city at St Agnes Church.	
12.2	We have a stall booked for Kirkstall Festival on 14 th July.	
12.3	Our AGM will be held in September. 6 directors are up for re-election and all 4 executive committee posts.	
13	Any other business	
13.1	None.	
Next meeting		
Monday 1 st October 2018, 4.30-6pm, Committee Room 1, Civic Hall		

Actions		
4.1	Board members to indicate if they are interested in attending Social Media training.	All
6.1	Board members to indicate training needs.	All