

**MEDINA HOUSING ASSOCIATION  
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING GROUP**

**10:00AM 17 DECEMBER 2009  
Boardroom, Lugley House, Newport**

**MINUTES**

<b>Present:</b>	Alison Bache	(AB)	Cllr John Hobart	(JH)
	Paul Beardmore	(PB)	Linda Jordan CHAIR	(LJ)
	PCSO Andrew Brown	(ABw)	PC Stephen Quelch	(SQ)
	Tracy Clark (Tenant)	(TC)	Sandra Singleton MINUTES	(SS)
	PCSO Dawn Clarke	(DC)	Zoe Wilmot-Aimes	(ZWA)
	ENO Mick Halliday	(MH)	Mrs Brenda Yates (Tenant)	(BY)
	Mrs Doreen Harris (Tenant)	(DH)		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Stephen Dickins	(SD)	Chris Slann	(CS)
	Cllr Julie Jones-Evans	(JJ)	Sarah Teague	(ST)
	Stacey Kettner	(SK)	Tigg (Tenant)	(T)
	ENO Stuart Malton	(SM)	Maria Wilkinson	(MW)

**1. & 2. Introductions & Welcome**

LJ opened by thanking all for attending the Newport Neighbourhood & Housing Group (NHG) meeting. Brief introductions were made.

**3. Minutes & Matters Arising**

The minutes were reviewed and it was noted that the matters arising would be addressed through the Agenda items:-

The minutes were then passed as a true and accurate record.

**4. Quarterly Neighbourhood Report**

The group viewed a part completed Report. LJ advised that by the next meeting all I.T. data issues would have been resolved.

All comments were recorded and can be viewed separately under the Quarterly Neighbourhood Report for Newport. Comments and updates are shown in blue on the report.

SS advised the group that the Quarterly Neighbourhood Report would form the Agenda for the meetings in 2010 and that no separate Agenda would be sent.

**5. Audit Scoring Update**

LJ advised that a copy of the new form would be circulated with the minutes.  
**Action point:** SMS to circulate new form. COMPLETED.

## **6. & 7. Partnership Sharing**

LJ advised the group of the £65k bid that the Isle of Wight had put in against the government's Housing Challenge fund. This money would be used to recruit 2 Family Intervention Practitioners (FIPs) who would work with parents struggling with their children's ASB. Targets would be set to show improvement in behaviour. Further monies would be required to establish a Mental Health post which would operate alongside the FIPs.

LJ asked SQ and MH if the ENOs were getting any further additional training on the police led SafetyNet system or if they were benefiting from using it. MH replied that Community Safety Services had access to the system but had not received any further training on uploading any of their data. SQ replied that currently the police focus was on the restructuring of safety in neighbourhoods. This would be taken over by the PCSOs and that the PCs would merge to form a unit to target offenders back out on the streets. SQ added that ABCs used by police were fundamentally the same as MHAs. SQ continued that there was a gap between the issuing of an ABC to that of enforcing an ASBO. SQ hoped that by working in partnership, if a breach of an ABC occurred then MHA could add weight to the situation and thereby consequences of the breach would have greater impact.

LJ then told the group that the new Pan development was going ahead and that 825 units would be built over the next 3 years. MHA would have 275 of these units and Spectrum and the IOW Council were in the process of selecting a contractor. LJ continued that work would have to start by the end of March 2010 or the funding would be lost. The first homes should be completed by October / November 2010 and there were plans in place to ensure that the existing estate and the new development would be linked seamlessly together to avoid conflict and divide. The new social housing units would be offered to Island residents as they were Island homes for Island people.

JH added that the development would be installed with a German biomass heating system which would be run on readily available woodchips. It is anticipated that one boiler should heat all house's and supply the hot water, although the installation of a second boiler was under debate. A service charge would be levied against all residents for this facility.

## **8. Any Other Business**

LJ told the group that a wash up meeting to present back the findings from the Mini Neighbourhood Events, was scheduled for 21 January 2010. It would be held in the Boardroom at Lugely House between 14:00 p.m. to 15:00 p.m. Any Partners that had attended the events had already been sent system generated invitations. LJ would be able to present these findings back to the group at the April meeting.

The TSA, which was now the Housing Associations' Regulatory body, had issued out a brochure containing a new directive to introduce National Service Standards. LJ shared her concern that this may cause some re-assessment work to be completed against MHA's existing Neighbourhood Action Plans (NAPs). However LJ added that the NAPs did take consultation down to street level, whereas the TSA operated at a higher more general area level.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11:30

### **Next Meeting**

Date: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010  
Venue: MHA, Boardroom, Lugley House, Lugley Street, Newport  
Time: Arrive 09:45 a.m. – Meeting start 10:00 a.m.

