

**MEDINA HOUSING ASSOCIATION
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING GROUP**

**10:00AM 16 DECEMBER 2009
THE LONDON, RYDE**

MINUTES

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| Present: | Alison Bache | (ABc) | Geoff Scott | (GS) |
| | Dave Bull | (DB) | Sandra Singleton - MINUTES | (SS) |
| | Laura Coles | (LC) | Dave Watts | (DW) |
| | Tony Crumplin | (TC) | Zoe Wilmot-Amies | (ZW) |
| Guests: | ENO - Katherine Arblaster | (KAb) | Cllr David Knowles | (DK) |
| | Play Rng - Sophie Biggs | (SB) | TCC - Jeff Lyons | (JL) |
| | Ryde Youth - Stuart Capewell | (SC) | SWHA - Pat Mitchell | (PM) |
| | Cllr Vanessa Churchman | (VC) | Tenant - G Rogers | (GR) |
| | SWHA - Julia Curtis | (JC) | ENO - Linda Shorter | (LS) |
| | Tenant - R Dilley | (RD) | Carnival Centre - Chris Slann | (CSI) |
| | Play Rng - Carly Keenen | (CK) | SureStart - Claire Steen | (CSt) |
| | Park Centre - Barry Kemp | (BK) | | |
| Apologies: | Cllr Barry Abraham | (BA) | Family Learning - Sarah Teague | (ST) |
| | PCSO - Karen Allen | (KAl) | Maria Wilkinson | (MW) |
| | Barnados - Becky Haydock | (BH) | Tenant - Mrs Windeler | (W) |

1. & 2. Introductions, Welcome & Apologies

DB opened the meeting by thanking all for attending and welcoming new attendees.

Apologies were received.

Introductions were made by all attendees.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising

The minutes were not reviewed but it was noted that the matters arising would be addressed through the Agenda items:-

The minutes were not passed as a true and accurate record.

Outstanding Action points were not addressed and no updates were received.

4. Quarterly Neighbourhood Report

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

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

Agenda Items 7 and 8 were also covered in the relevant sections of the Quarterly Neighbourhood 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

DB handed around copies of the new and approved Audit Scoring sheets and explained how the percentage results would be achieved through the collation and marking of Walkabout information. DB also explained the traffic light system that will be adopted. DB continued that any area which fell into the Red section would be escalated to form part of the intended Action Plan for that Neighbourhood in 2011.

6. & 9. Partnership Sharing – Current Issues & Future Initiatives

JC gave an update to the group on the SWHA Oakfield Development. 39 mixed tenure flats will become available on the 8th January 2010. PM added that she will remain at the development until the end of August when all the 150 housing units will have been released. Parking at the development is not an issue at the moment because all of the units are not let or sold. SWHA have a tree issue at the moment which may necessitate relocating one of the planned blocks. CS of SureStart expressed a desire to work closely with PM when allocating the units to ensure promotion of the services her organisation has to offer.

CK told the group that the Play Rangers were now based in MHAs' Preston Close community flat for the winter period. CK and her Rangers had initially felt intimidated and faced hostility and suspicion from the children and parents alike in the Ryde neighbourhoods. However they had persevered throughout the summer and this has now disappeared and the Play Rangers are being received and supported very positively. CK anticipated that working from the Preston Close community flat along with a volunteer from the local school, will help further in breaking down the barriers between the children and youths from School Street and Preston Close. This will then hopefully impact on the attitudes of their parents.

SC advised the group that he intends to concentrate on promoting the opportunities available through the Ryde Youth Centre in the New Year. SC continued that he sees this as a long term initiative and that by catching youths at an earlier age, they can be encouraged and steered to make more positive choices. SC would also be interested in going into the community flat on Wednesdays to join the Play Rangers to work behind closed doors as a satellite entity on building up trust in the community. SC asked if he could submit some advertising to be included into the SWHA and MHA Newsletters.

DK confirmed the skate board parks' official committee had been established and John Moyce had been appointed as the chair. The role of the committee would be to ensure that the park continues to find funding and put a forward plan in place in order to prevent it shutting again. The implication of this had had a ripple effect throughout Ryde Town and surrounding neighbourhoods. The skate board park will open in the New Year. It was acknowledged that the lads from the Youth Centre had done a fantastic job and that funding of £100k had been found.

KAb would like to raise the profile of the cycling event which will be held on Ryde seafront between the 15th and 20th February 2010.

Action point: DB volunteered to help circulate posters and flyers through MHA
LS continued that the ENOs and Safer Communities team were also trying to put together an off-road cycling event.

LS added that it was hoped to encourage Brading youth and youngsters to come down to Ryde to the skate board park, to use Ryde's facilities and to attend the cycling events.

Action point: JC will put some posters up around SWHA stock to promote the

facilities and events.

CS was pleased to share with the group that SureStart would be holding sessions at the Park Centre from the 29th January 2010. These sessions would be aimed at encouraging young parents to acquire return to work skills, refresh or develop their life skills and encourage moving on. CS had already been in contact with Oakfield Primary School and MW to use the Preston Close community flat in order to raise their visibility. CS handed out leaflets to the group promoting this initiative.

10. Any Other Business

DB 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. DB 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. DB shared his concern that this may cause some re-assessment work to be completed against MHA's existing Neighbourhood Action Plans (NAPs). However DB added that the NAPs did take consultation down to street level, whereas the TSA operated at a higher more general area level.

LS had investigated the siting of a dog bin in Sutton Close however there is an issue with the funding of emptying it. The cost to the local council is £1.85 per empty per bin. DK advised that he can supply the bin and the post to erect it on. RD volunteered to dig the hole for the post and to empty the bin. LS is working with the dog warden to try to catch the offender.

Action point: *LS to meet with the dog warden to review the siting of the dog bin.*

PM advised that SWHA will be carrying out a door knock exercise one Saturday morning in February in order to obtain a better response from the working resident community that lives in and around SWHA's new development.

SC told the group about the Christmas lunch held at the Park Centre, whereby 40 people had been identified by Age Concern who would benefit from this event. SC had noted that 10 tenants from The Gobles had attended and it was his understanding that they had already received a Christmas lunch through the Scheme. SC suggested that next year the nominated named attendees all be co-ordinated through BK and MHA, to ensure that only those residents and tenants that had not already received or were due to attend a Christmas lunch, could benefit from the one supplied at the Park Centre.

Action point: *TC, LC and BK to set up a guest list control for next year.*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting

27 April The London, Communal Lounge, Ryde. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon