

**Warrington Federation of Tenant & Resident
Associations and Individuals
Minutes of the Meeting
Wednesday 5 August 2009**

In Attendance

V Jones (GGH), C Clark (SPARTA), A Brookhouse (LECRA), F Murray (SPARTA), B Boscoe, L Butler (Town Hill), P Scholes (MORA), J Bullock, A Clemo (G & G RA), M Rivington (Bewsey), J Ryan (LECRA), J Pownall (Howley)

The meeting was chaired by Fran Murray (Treasurer).

		Action
1.	<p>Apologies J Salt, S Barber, D Moors</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting (July 2009) & Matters Arising</p> <p><i>Page 1:</i> T & R Grants – Sparta due to apply soon, M Rivington will check with Bewsey if they have already applied.</p> <p><i>Page 2:</i> F Murray reported that the celebration day was a great success. Everyone congratulation F Murray for being nominated and winning a community award.</p> <p><i>Page 5:</i> V Jones to check with TP that the issue on St Peters Way has been passed to the NAT. The information has been forwarded to the Police.</p>	
3.	<p>GGH Stock Transfer Update</p> <p>1. Tenants Consultative Panel (TCP)</p> <p>The TCP panel have now completed their role in producing the content for the offer document.</p> <p>A copy of the outcomes from all of the meetings is available on request. Please contact the project team if you would like a copy.</p> <p>2. Tenants Conference</p> <p>The tenants conference was held on the 30 June 2009. The event covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of HOA process to stock transfer decision • ITA role and input • Continuing work of the TCP in developing the offer document • GGH achievements in the last 5 years • Warrington standard • Rents • Calderdale – 5 years on 	

- Strengthening communities
- Tenant involvement
- Next steps to ballot
- What happens if tenants vote no

3. Board members

The Tenant Board members have now been selected:

Royston Willard
Sheila Barber
Fran Murray
Terry Spencer
Les Naughton

The Independent members are:

Carole Hassan
Jan Kitsoff
Phil Pemberton
Jim Stockton

The Council nominee members are:

John Kerr-Brown
Roy Smith
Sheila Woodyatt

The profiles of all members are available.

4. Newsletter

Each tenant has received editions one and two of 'the key to your future' newsletters.

5. Offer Document

The offer document content is currently being finalised. The Executive Board approved the draft offer document on the 3 August 2009. The offer document will explain the promises being made by the Council and Golden Gates Housing Trust should the transfer ballot be successful.

6. DVD

A DVD to accompany the offer document has been filmed. Tenants took part in the 'question time' section of the film.

	<p>7. Government Approval</p> <p>The Councils submission to be added on the stock transfer list is now with CLG/HCA awaiting approval and their agreement of the Warrington Standard.</p> <p>8. Consultation paper-reform of council housing finance</p> <p>This consultation paper was issued in July 09 and outlines proposals for self financing which would allow councils to keep the money from rents that they currently have to give to Government (approximately £5 million in Warrington). However there would be a one-off redistribution of the national housing debt (approximately £18 billion) between authorities with council housing which they would then have to pay back. Initial indications are that stock transfer will still remain more financially advantageous. More details will be in future newsletters.</p> <p>For further information on the Housing Stock Transfer Project you can contact Helen Catterson or Vikki Jones on freephone 0800 952 9942.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Chairs Report & Correspondence</p> <p>No report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from NHS Warrington • Warrington Link newsletter 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>TPO Report (V Jones)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ TRA Annual Grant 2009/10 – Don't forget to apply for your grant - the deadline for established groups for submitting the application (to receive a full grant) is Friday 30 October. Any new groups can apply for a full grant up until the final deadline which is Friday 26 February 2010. ❖ Stronger Together – Area Panels – Stronger Together are encouraging neighbourhood involvement to improve communities and services; chairs of resident associations are encouraged to take a seat on one of 4 area Boards. If your group want to have representation on the area panels or if you want to know more about ST Neighbourhood Involvement please ring 01925 443322 or ask your friendly TPO to help your group get involved with your relevant area coordinator ❖ Every month we include funding information in the Federation minutes – if you would like help on working up a funding bid, contact Graham Pearce on 452548 or email graham.pearce@goldengateshousing.org.uk 	

Funding Information (to go on minutes only):

The Youth of Today Leadership Fund

<http://www.theyouthoftoday.org/fund-your-dream-project>

The Youth of Today Leadership Fund, you can get the cash to make your dreams a reality.

They've got £1 million of funding to give away to great organisations across England, by 2010. And your project can be part of how that money is spent.

Scaling Up - This fund helps organisations take their existing projects to the next level. The next funding deadline is 31 July 2009.

Up to 30 grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are up for grabs, to help take your work to the next level.

The grants aim to:

- Help more young people take on leadership roles in their community.
- Create more opportunities for young people to influence the decisions affecting them.
- Raise the quality of youth leadership opportunities.
- Enable small organisations to grow.

They are looking for innovative projects that are unlikely to find funding from other sources.

The grant should be used to develop and expand youth leadership programmes – including delivery costs, staff costs and small capital items (up to 20% of the grant we are awarding).

Reaching Out - This fund enables established third sector organisations to develop new and exciting projects. The next funding deadline is 20 November 2009.

This grant programme is for established organisations with a proven track record of success.

Each year, Reaching Out will distribute up to eight grants of between £75,000 and £100,000.

Its aims are to:

- Focus on social inclusion and promoting youth leadership.
- Raise the quality of youth leadership opportunities.
- Create more opportunities for young people to influence the decisions affecting them.
- Extend the organisation's reach to new groups in new areas.

Community Cash Back

<http://cashback.cjsonline.gov.uk/cc.asp?area=4>

Community Cashback is a new scheme in England and Wales which gives local people a say in how £4million of recovered criminal assets (for example confiscated cash or property) should be spent in their communities.

1. Your project should be related to nuisance, anti-social or criminal behaviour or its impact on the community
2. Your project could focus on one or several neighbourhoods
3. Your project should be community focused and make a noticeable

difference on the community

4. Your project must demonstrate value for money, be able to be delivered quickly and their impact should be clearly evaluated
5. Outcomes must be visible to the community

Examples of the types of projects you could nominate are:

- Crime reduction and community safety: You might want to see money spent on improvements which would make your neighborhood safer or help reduce crime;
- Support for victims of crime: You could also suggest projects to provide better local information, facilities or services for victims of crime and/or anti-social behaviour in your area;
- Restoration and renovation projects: The money might be used to restore a local communal area damaged by crime e.g. removing graffiti; putting right other damage; clearing an overgrown area; renovating a community centre or facility or "doing up" a run-down building to provide an area where communities can come together or use shared services;
- New spaces or activities: The cash could be used to provide new or improved facilities or activities for young people on Friday or Saturday nights to keep them out of trouble and stop them becoming involved in anti-social behaviour or criminal activity;
- More and better information about justice outcomes: You might want to see money spent keeping your community informed about what happened in particular cases of concern or what services you can expect from your local crime and justice organisations, through an improved newsletter, local website or other information service;
- Getting communities involved: you might have an idea about encouraging more people in your area to get involved in preventing and repairing harm in their neighbourhoods, giving them a say in the running or selection of other local crime and justice services; setting up community panels or advisory groups where they do not already exist and local training for community members to help them contribute to tackling local issues and making their communities safer.

MIX MEDIABOX

<http://www.media-box.co.uk/funding.php?ID=1>

Grants from £5,000 - £20,000

REMEMBER – Round 1 only opens on 1 August so this will give you time to think about what you would like to do! Designed to reach organisations that bring together young people from diverse economic backgrounds, faiths or geographic areas to work on a media project. This grant enables young people to work with older members of their community, to create media projects that encourage communities to gain a better understanding of each other and promote community cohesion.

Who can apply?

Open to established youth and/or media focused organisations

Round 1 opens: 10th August 2009

Round 1 Stage 1 deadline: 21st September 2009

6.	<p>Treasurers Report (F Murray)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurers report for August was circulated. The Bank balance is £744.31. Please note I have paid a cheque of £1500.00 to GGH for the Warrington's Got Talent Contest • A copy of the petty cash balance is being circulated. The current balance is £203.14. Any comments please let me know • All subscriptions for 09/10 are now paid. 	
7.	<p>Police Forum Report</p> <p>None. Next meeting on the 17 September. Meetings now every three months.</p>	
8.	<p>Group updates/Activities</p> <p>Howley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The carnival held in July was a great success <p>LECRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the weather wasn't good everyone who attended enjoyed it. <p>Bewsey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic in the park event went well <p>EORA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current committee has resigned. New committee being set up. Credit Union meetings still being held in the community flat <p>Town Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social event being held on 11 August 2009 <p>G & G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had difficulties in meeting the quorate numbers for meetings. Issue now resolved. Next meeting on the 25 August 2009 at 10am at Radley Common • Organising two trips for residents off the Grasmere and Greenwood estates <p>Older Peoples Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip organised for the 18 September to Chester and the River Dee <p>MORA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribute night with Tom Jones organised – 20 August 09 • Leeds market 19 September 2009 <p>SPARTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings now being held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month 	

<p>9.</p>	<p>Discussion – Federation Youth Inclusion Event</p> <p>As agreed the Federation have sponsored the ‘Warrington’s Got Talent’ competition which is being held by a number of agencies within Warrington. D Moors and F Murray attend the meetings.</p> <p>Regular updates will be given at Federation meetings.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>J Ryan raised the issue over buses not allowing people to get on a bus to travel one stop. EG from Bank House park to the bus station. A Clemo will pursue.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 2 September 5pm Tea Room, Town Hall</p>	