

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
ROTHERHAM FEDERATION OF TENANTS & RESIDENTS**

**Monday 8 March 2010
At Springwell Gardens Community Centre**

Present:

Peter Collins (Chair)	PC
Derek Corkell (Vice Chair)	DC
Andrew Roddison (Company Secretary)	AR
Christina Hammond (Director)	CH
Mary Jacques (Director)	MJ
Linda Sales (Director)	LS
Lilian Shears (Director)	LSh
Stuart Mayo (Director)	SM
Val Baldwin (Director)	VB
Romney Bell (Director)	RB
Philip Clarke	PCI
Stuart Mayo	SM

Officers:

Steve Ruffle (RotherFed)	SR
Joyce Chatterton (RotherFed)	JC
Alan Goy (RotherFed)	AG
Sarah Kelly (VAR)	SK
Cllr Ken Wyatt	KW
Kevin Taylor	KT
Liz Booth	LB
David Dobbs	DD
Kevin Taylor	KT
Jean Jones	JJ
Pat Cahill	PCa

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039:10	<p>Introduction and Apologies PC thanked everyone for attending and welcomed visitors to the meeting. Apologies were received from Jayne Holbrook, Christine Staniforth, Harry Tooley, Catherine Wood, Jane Davies-Haire, Ann Hitchens, Kevin Sanderson.</p>	
040:10	<p>Minutes from 8 February 2010 PC proposed and LS seconded the minutes as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising A nomination has been received from Wentworth North Area Housing Panel, Mick Alderson. This nomination was approved by the Board.</p> <p>SR and DC had met with Christine Staniforth and a report will be submitted at the next Board meeting.</p>	

	<p>RMBC Sustainable Communities Scrutiny . AR and DC were nominated to attend but now have to complete an application form SR has completed the forms.</p> <p>SR and PC are meeting with Graham Eades.</p> <p>2010 Rotherham Board - PC is unable to attend the next meeting on 12 May and SR asked if any Board member would like to attend. DC and CH volunteered.</p>	
041:10	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR and Project Advice Surgery • LINK Rotherham and Laughton Common TARA Funday . RB gave a brief overview of the events that are taking place on 12 June. 	
042:10	<p>Reports</p> <p>Development Manager's Report SR's report was available.</p> <p>Housing Strategy . A report was available.</p> <p>Accessible Services for All . SR thanked everyone who attended and a report was available.</p> <p>Delegates Meetings . Three dates and times have been arranged for this year. The first one is on 29 June and SR asked for suggestions for a theme for this meeting. PC suggested holding one around scrutiny.</p> <p>Trips . Training on Housing Revenue Account is to be held at Barnsley Federation on 11 May which is open for anyone to attend.</p> <p>Bramall Construction has invited RotherFed to join them at the Chartered Institute of Housing Exhibition at Harrogate on 24 June. They need to know the numbers by the end of the week.</p> <p>Various events are taking place this summer. SR asked if RotherFed wished to attend any of the events with a stall. Will need volunteers as the Events Committee cannot attend them all.</p> <p>SR said that JC will be going part time (3 days) on 1 June. The new part time post to cover the other days has been advertised with a closing date of 11 May and interviews taking place on 19 May.</p> <p>Member Development Officers Report AG's report was available.</p> <p>Company Secretary's Report To be discussed in private session</p>	

043:10	<p>Subcommittees Finance The minutes were available. The Treasure was unable to attend.</p>	
044:10	<p>Policies Draft Confidentiality Policy - AG has condensed this policy. AR proposed acceptance of the policy and PCI seconded. It was agreed.</p>	
045:10	<p>New Members AG proposed 1 new member. Rockingham 33 TARA Delegates: Janet Poulton and Pat Lister. The new member was approved.</p>	
046:10	<p>Magistrates and the Community This had to be cancelled due illness.</p>	
047:10	<p>TARAs and Tenants Groups There had been an initial discussion around this at the last Executive meeting. RotherFed has a basic requirement for membership, e.g. a constitution and everyone in the area of benefit allowed to be a member. Some groups in Rotherham are just social groups that are without a constitution or bank account but would still like to be members of RotherFed. SR asked if we could support these groups. It was asked how much support do we give. PC said that we should be careful about supporting groups that are officer controlled. Alan Murphy, the company accountant doesn't think that running a group out of a cash box is a good idea. SR said that we need to support groups that are struggling and promote and support individuals that are wanting to start up groups. SR and AG have started a programme both to support new groups and struggling ones. This could be added as a regular agenda item to future Board meetings. AG was concerned that if RotherFed took on too many groups we might not be able to support them. AR said that we have a good resource in our Board members through their work with their own TARAs. MJ asked what the problem was about running a group out of a cash tin if they have been doing it for a long time and it has worked well. AR said to bring them in as Tenants Clubs and then to talk to them over time about the benefits of a constitution and a proper accounting system. This is not a U turn but an alternative way to</p>	

	<p>recruit new groups to be part of RotherFed.</p> <p>The recommendation to make this a regular item on the Board agenda was agreed.</p>	
047:10	<p>Fair Trade PC welcomed Cllr Ken Wyatt. KW gave a presentation of Fair Trade and had brought some free samples of Fair Trade products.</p> <p>KW explained what Fair Trade stood for and that 5 million people benefited from this. They receive fair and stable prices for their products and they are widely distributed in local supermarkets, shops and cafes.</p> <p>Rotherham achieved Fair Trade status in May 2006 by meeting 5 specific goals set by the Foundation. They are looking to make Yorkshire and the Humber the first Fair Trade region.</p> <p>Rotherham Youth Cabinet were the first to bring this to the attention of RMBC and a report was sent to Cabinet who agreed to support Fair Trade.</p> <p>KW outlined various events that have taken place since May 2006 and there is a local Steering group who are working to raise the profile of Fair Trade.</p> <p>The floor was then opened for questions.</p> <p>AR suggested that RotherFed should support Fair Trade and promote it to the TARAs.</p> <p>PC thanked KW for attending and for his presentation.</p>	
0:10	<p>AOB There was no other business</p>	
024:10	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting Monday 14 June 2010 at 11.00am at Springwell Gardens Community Centre.</p>	

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