

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

TENANT AND LEASEHOLDER COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2008 AT 7PM

Present:

Terry Anderson	Rod Simons
Alison Baxter	Marion Watkins
Bob Halpin	
George Hood	Steve Warran (ECC)
Lin Kaczanow	Tony Bodgin, (ECC)
Alison Moore	Steve Deakin (ECC)
Viv Phelps	Jenny Berry (ECC)

- 1. Apologies** were received from Moira Barker, Liz Belchamber, Stephen Collier, Gemma Lissaman, David Payce, Joan Smith
Resignation of Josephine Browning reported.
- 2. Welcome and Chair's Address**
Terry Anderson, Chair, opened the meeting and spoke briefly of the Committee's success during the previous year. The Committee had been involved in liaising and working in partnership with the Council and had been successful in persuading the Council to put additional issues on the agenda and in placing greater importance on some issues (for example, anti-social behaviour).
- 3. Minutes of the Inaugural meeting held on Wednesday 30th May 2007** were signed.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes**
None.
- 5/6. Nomination and election of Officers by secret vote:**

Chair

Alison Moore	Proposer: Alison Baxter	Secunder: Viv Phelps
Terry Anderson	Proposer: George Hood	Secunder: Alison Moore

Alison Moore was elected.

Vice chair

Terry Anderson	Proposer: Alison Baxter	Secunder: George Hood
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Terry Anderson was elected unopposed.

Treasurer:

Viv Phelps Proposer: Terry Anderson Seconder: Alison Baxter

Viv Phelps was elected unopposed.

7. TALC Members' attendance at meetings

The Chair raised concerns about attendance including poor attendance by some Committee members and suggested this needs attention.

Because the TALC aims to be representative, some non-attendance needs to be tolerated, but if attendance is low then it means that the work-load falls on the few members who attend and they are always involved. It was noted that Exeter City Council pays running costs of the TALC including child minding costs where agreed. Queries were raised about the balance of the committee re. number of leaseholders and sheltered housing tenants and the Committee may wish to consider this in future.

Agreed: Exeter City Council to report back to the TALC on attendance and proposals to be made to encourage better attendance and to fill vacancies that exist.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Membership of the Performance Management Sub Committee was considered and membership was agreed as follows:

Terry Anderson	Alison Baxter	Bob Halpin
George Hood	Gemma Lissaman	Alison Moore
Viv Phelps	Isabella Raine	

It was noted that this sub committee feeds into the TALC, whereas all other groups that include tenant representatives are review bodies.

8.2 Access of non-members to the TALC

The question was raised of whether the TALC is a closed committee or if other tenants and leaseholders are allowed to attend.

Agreed: On request to the Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary, the Chair will give a limited number of invitations to any tenant or leaseholder interested in attending meetings of the TALC as an observer, and will ensure that these meetings are suitable for non-members to attend.

One of the TALC members with a disability asked whether it would be possible for a friend to attend on a regular basis in order to take notes on the member's behalf.

Agreed: The request was declined because the business of the meetings is adequately recorded in the minutes and members have the opportunity to amend this record if it is not acceptable.

There was question as to whether the member had an ulterior motive for making this request because he had coped without help for the previous year and this was the first occasion when any need of help had been mentioned.

The member believed that under the Disability Discrimination Act he had the right to receive this support and that it was being denied. He expressed the intention of taking up the issue with an independent body.

Signed:
Chairperson

Next meeting:
Monday 28th July 2008 in the Rennes Meeting Room, Civic Centre