

# Dovecotes TMO Board meeting MARCH 4th 2020 6pm

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## ATTENDED

JC- Chairperson

SH- Treasurer

AW- Secretary

AM- Chief Officer

LK

AS

BC

BD

RP-W

NCW - Owner Occupier

A.W - Owner Occupier

## APOLOGIES

Cllr SR

Cllr LM

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JC opens meeting with introduction to new board member **A.W**

Minutes agreed from February 2020 meeting      Agreed **SH**

Seconded **BC**

**AM** arranging to open an account for the TMO with Metro Bank.

**JC** questioned kitchens remaining on the estate, 20 left until end of March 2020. Tenants can use the approve list provided by CWC.

**BC** mentions how the Dovecote itself is a mess, **SH** says the council have been out and cut trees back, **BC** it is a Health & Safety issue, paths surrounding The Dovecote are muddy and not clear to walk on, very dangerous. **AM** suggests inviting John Gibson to the TMO to discuss The Dovecote.

**AM** Housing officers are nudging low rent arrears as well as high level rent arrears as low amounts accumulate although arrears seem to be coming down. **BC** questions if hardship allowance has been reviewed? **AM** has changed the amount from £20,000 to £15,000. **JC** said it needs to be stipulated to tenants that hardship fund only to be used once. **AM** believes Hardship is not working or being utilised properly she will look into it. **BC** suggests that housing officer's direct tenants to apply for DHP.

**AM** in contact with Darren Baggs on fly tipping on the estate. Discrepancies on Feb 2020 so **AM & WF** waiting for allowances at the end of April 2020 to come through.

**BC** asks the board why TMO are paying for fly tipping on housing land? Need in writing as in the MMA, WH car parks so get WH to move/pay for removal of fly tipping.

**AM** mentions of hidden disabilities, link with council for whole spectrum with E.D.I. **BC** suggests Autism, **AM** board decision but council direct us. Bring someone from the community as an advocate.

**Vote taken place for new member to the board as Owner Occupier A.W.**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Seconded: JC**

**AM** has enquired with Dovecotes Primary for use of toilets, field and hall for community event 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020, waiting on response. **AM** had a quote of £650 for 53 seated coach for community day trip.

**BC** would like to look at 5 year plan compared to WH and what they are doing for capitol work, **AM** look at 2 years as 5 years is too far ahead, **BC** says more security, solar panels etc.

**JC** reminded the board of C.A.B giving their services for another 6 months. **AM** raised the matter of a board member missing 3 consecutive board meetings. **JC** asks for a letter to be sent to **CW** reminding her of the position she is in and to be removed as a member of the TMO board. **BC** tells board/**AM** of a tenant that has no gas to property and front window been put through, **AM** to send Housing Officers around to investigate.

**AM** – Taking into consideration COVID-19 our approach would be to take government advice on travel etc. The board agreed to pay sick if staff were quarantined due to COVID-19.

**JC CLOSES MEETING**

**Next meeting April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 6pm**

Chairpersons Signature.....

Date.....
