



# **BME DONCASTER SETTLERS Tenants And Residents Association**

## **Tenants Resource Centre**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 at 6.00 pm**

### **Present**

Vivien Binks	– SLHD Community Engagement Officer
Julie Jablonski	- SLHD Partnership Manager
Godwin Mudzimu	– Chair, BME Doncaster Settlers TARA
J Dhillon	– Vice-Chair, BME Doncaster Settlers TARA
Marie Lane	– Secretary, BME Doncaster Settlers TARA
Victor Bwitanda	- BME Doncaster Settlers TARA member
Louise Biggins	- BME Doncaster Settlers TARA member
Tandy Ndlovu	- BME Doncaster Settlers TARA member
Ismet Berisha	- BME Doncaster Settlers TARA member
Prem Bahadur Rai	- BME Doncaster Settlers TARA member

### **Apologies**

Nadia Hassan	– Treasurer, BME Doncaster Settlers TARA
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### **Welcome & Introductions**

Godwin Mudzimu welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

### **Housekeeping (fire evacuation / toilets)**

Godwin Mudzimu ran through the fire procedure.

### **Safeguarding – Julie Jablonski SLHD Partnership Manager**

Julie explained her job role, and gave a brief overview of the Safeguarding Adults initiative, which is based at Scarborough House and was introduced in November 2007 as a South Yorkshire-wide multi-agency partnership, comprising representatives from a wide range of organisations. Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council lead on the partnership board, and Susan Jordan is involved at a strategic level, while Julie sits on a sub-group.

The aim is to support vulnerable adults to retain independence, well-being and choice, enabling people to live a life that is free from fear, isolation, bullying, financial exploitation and hate crime. If anyone feels concerned or uncomfortable about a vulnerable adult being abused, they have a duty to report their concerns as a safeguarding referral. St Leger Homes receives many referrals from concerned neighbours, and will then contact the person identified as vulnerable, arrange a home visit, and try to empower that person to address their issues.

The Safeguarding board have realised that rates of referrals have reached a plateau and then dropped, therefore decided to assess awareness of local people. They have produced a Questionnaire to highlight any changes that may be needed to their communication strategy. Members elected to complete the Questionnaires individually.

*Contact telephone number for Julie Jablonski 01302 862961*

Marie Lane commented that the Safeguarding Team had produced a Supporting People Directory at significant cost, but this was not accessible to everyone. Julie agreed that there is a need to improve communications.

A general discussion followed, around members who had reported racist incidents but then had not received any feedback. Julie assured the group that all incidents reported through her would go directly to the Safeguarding Partnership, Police would interview the perpetrator, but the case cannot proceed without evidence. If that is the case, the person who originally reported the incident would receive feedback to that effect. However, St Leger Homes views racial incidents with zero tolerance, and has served Notice to Quit on perpetrators of this crime. In order to encourage reporting of Hate Crime, Reporting Centres have been increased across that borough, to include Libraries, MIND, the Womens Centre. Julie explained that Rachel Long is the DMBC lead officer on Hate Crime, Rennie Brown leads for South Yorkshire Police. She suggested that both are invited to a future TARA meeting early in the New Year, to give a short presentation on Safeguarding service provision.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Tandy Ndlovu confirmed that these were a true and accurate version of events and this was seconded by Louise Biggins.

### **Correspondence**

- DMBC Referendum on Mayoral system – contact Elections Team 01302 734649
- SLHD Tenancy Agreement information
- SJC letter regarding their attendance at future TARA meetings
- SYCIL event on Choosing Independence
- Retina Dance Company “Layers of Skin”
- Rotherham Open Arts Festival 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Doncaster Carers Strategy group Logo competition
- DARTS 21<sup>st</sup> birthday Art Exhibition at The Point 27<sup>th</sup> Sept – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov

### **Matters Arising**

Vivien has previously suggested that the group build on their strengths, and produce short articles describing international traditional recipes and customs, which could be included in future editions of HouseProud. Godwin reminded all members to bring menus or articles to the next meeting. Vivien added that, as the next meeting was the AGM, it would be most appropriate for members to bring along their favourite recipes.

### **Any Other Business**

## **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 6pm  
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