

**MKCHF Executive Only Meeting Notes  
Monday 29 January 2007**

Present – Eamonn Bobey (Chair), Margaret Burke,  
Pauline Prop (arrived 11.15)

Apologies – Jeanette Marling, Rita Venn

IH = Irene Henderson                      MttB = Matt Bishop

PW = Pam Wharfe

DB = Derek Beaumont

<p><b>Notes of the last meeting –</b></p> <p>Agreed</p>	
<p><b>Matters arising –</b></p> <p><u>Sheltered Housing</u> Executive to write report arising from attendance at Sheltered Housing Forum.</p> <p><u>Any Other Business</u> When we discuss the Role of the Forum at our get-together we shall also discuss the minutes of our meetings with IH and PW.</p> <p><u>Fencing</u> EB has received an email from D. Beaumont stating that after discussions with IH and PW the reason there is no money for fencing is because tenants opted to stay with the Council.</p> <p>Executive discussed how the fencing policy has been changed – surely it cannot be changed without going to Cabinet? It should not be a decision made by contractors. We will investigate further and bring it up at the Forum</p>	<p><b>EB</b></p> <p><b>Exec</b></p> <p><b>EB</b></p>

<p><b>Willen Retirement Village –</b> Executive have been told that tenants transferring to RSL at WR Village have to pay £12 above their present rent as the ceiling limit for the Benefits Agency does not cover it. MB to write to IH to ask for clarification as to whether this is the case and whether tenants were made aware of it before agreeing to move.</p> <p>Executive have been informed that elderly people who have put down deposits at the Village but then back out, lose their deposits. This needs clarification.</p>	<p><b>MB</b></p>
<p><b>Repairs –</b> Executive discussed costs of repairs on Mitie contract. MB to email DB to ask for average cost per house per repair on the Mitie contract. Do HBS gain from the increase in repairs done and if so how much?</p>	<p><b>JM</b></p>
<p><b>Finance –</b> Executive discussed the way RSLs raise money. RSLs borrow money on their assets (housing stock). Can RSLs use rental increase to pay back interest on their borrowings? Why should MKC tenants have to accept rent convergence when RSLs use their rent increases to build houses and IH has stated that while there is RTB the council will not build any council housing.</p>	
<p><b>Role of the Forum –</b> Executive to undertake telephone survey of all tenant reps. MB to bring list of questions for survey to next Exec Only meeting. On completion we can present findings to Forum.</p>	<p><b>MB</b></p>
<p><b>Staffing of TRC –</b> PP suggested we ask Sam (TP apprentice) to cover telephone and enquiries every Monday while Exec meeting going on to stop interruptions. PP to raise at Exec/TP meeting.</p>	<p><b>PP</b></p>
<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting –</b> Monday 12 February 2007 at 10.00am at the Tenants Resource Centre</p>	