

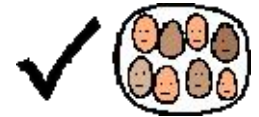


Minutes of the Special General Meeting

West Glamorgan Housing Consortium

18th July 2006, Scout and Guide Hall, Bryn Mill

Present



Rick Wilson	Chief Executive	Mr. Janes	Member
Pam Evans	Chair	Albert Rogers	Member
Frank Hounsell	Committee Member	Mr. Jones	Member
Chris Edwards	Committee Member	Julie Richards	Member
Nicola Roberts	Committee Member	Christine Mullins	Member
Janice Connick	Committee Member	Avril Hughes	Member
Wendy Evans	Committee Member	Peter Carlise	Member
Brian Roberts	Member	J. Hutson	Member
Victor Raiker	Member	Mr. J. Allan	Member
Julie Thomas	Member	Mrs. A. Allan	Member
Stuart Morgan	Member	Phil Watts	Member
Christine Rowalnds	Member	Eurfryn Jones	Member
Margaret Cowap	Member	Bev White	Staff
Kevin Fitzgerald	Member		

Apologies - Members:

Dave Cox	Vice Chairman	Maurice Wilde	Member
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Chairman's Welcome

Mrs. Pam Evans welcomed everyone to the Special General Meeting.



Chief Executive Welcome

Rick welcomed everyone to the Special General Meeting, he told everyone that this was the first ever Special General Meeting.



Rick told everyone that there were 2 decisions that were going to be discussed today.

One was the name change and the other was the rule changes. Rick also said that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members need to agree to the changes for them to happen.

1 Name Change

Rick told everyone of the reasons why the name change is being suggested.

Rick asked everyone to turn to page 2 of the members pack that they received.

Rick told everyone that West Glamorgan Housing Consortium supports people who live in supported housing, but it also supports people in a range of other ways, such as with their transport and finances.

Rick also said that West Glamorgan doesn't exist anymore. Rick also said that being called West Glamorgan Housing Consortium makes us look like a landlord which we are not.

A change of name should represent what we do as a company.

The suggested name change is Community Lives Consortium.

Question: Kevin Fitzgerald asked if this would cost a lot to do.

Rick replied to this by saying that it would cost approximately £2000 over a 2 year period, but it would be a gradual change.

2 Rule 2 Change

Rick told everyone that this was the biggest suggested change.

Rick said that at the moment West Glamorgan housing Consortium can only support people with learning difficulties. Rick said that we want to primarily work with people with learning difficulties but create the possibility of working with other groups of people as well.

Rick said that, as an example, Telecare would work well for the elderly and possibly some other groups of people and would highly benefit these other groups of people. But this can not be done as the rules do not allow it.

Rick told the members that ideas and new applications for people with learning difficulties will have opportunities for other client groups.

Everyone were told that software that had been created for learning difficulties cant be commercialised for other client groups at the moment because of our rules, but if the rule is changed it can be commercialised and sold to bring money back into the company to support our work with people who have a learning disability.

Question: Kevin Fitzgerald asked if staff would be called out for other people.

Rick said that existing staff would be called out.

Margaret Cowap said that some staff may only want to work with people with learning difficulties and not other client groups. Margaret also said that this may alarm some staff.

Rick said that without the rule change this can not be explored. Rick said that it does not mean that this is going to happen but the opportunity is there for the future, given the agreement of the Management Committee, the Local Authorities and the agreement of the Care Standards Inspectorate.

Question: Kevin Fitzgerald asked if staff will have the choice of working with people with learning difficulties or other client groups.

Rick said that a range of choices already exist for staff, so would continue to exist.

3 Rules 33 and 36

Rick said that minor changes needed to be made to rules 33 and 36 regarding the structure of the Committee.

It was suggested that 12 people sit on the Committee, which should include:

2 Tenants, 2 Staff, 2 Relatives, and 6 members of the public or representatives of other agencies.

This will bring our rules into to line with the existing make up of our Committee.

If the constitution is agreed there will be vacancies on the Committee for 1 relative and 4 public or agency members.

4 **Rules 8**

Rick said when people become a Member of the Consortium and pay their £1 share they will be allocated to one of four groups. These groups will be; Tenants and Service Users, Relatives, Staff, and members of the public and representatives of other agencies.

5 **Rules 50**

Rick said that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee should sit for no more than 6 years.

Rick was asked on how more people are going to be recruited to the Committee. Rick said that this would happen through website and other places where people with experience offer to sit on Committees. Once this happens they may be co-opted and then stand at the AGM.

6 **Vote**

22 members agreed to change WGHC to Community Lives Consortium

20 members agreed to change the Company Rules.