

FACT LHO Management Committee Meeting
Thursday 26th February 2009
6 Crowlin Crescent

Present:

Vera McGrath	Corran Street
David Ford	Sumburgh Street
Janet Henderson	Lamlash Crescent
Danny Muir	Malin Place
Joyce Carroll	Crowlin Crescent
Jim Ward	138 Fastnet Street
Hugh Devlin	138 Fastnet Street
Laura McGoran	Crowlin Crescent
Councillor Jennifer Dunn	GCC

In Attendance:

David MacKenzie	FACT
Jenny Black	FACT
Gerry Creanor	GHA NELSS
Steve Turnbull	GCC City Plan Team

1. **Apologies:** Marie McCairns, Ellen Downes , Marie Ward and George MacMillan
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **AOCB:**

Councillor Jennifer Dunn provided an update:

Environmental Clean Up: Community Safety Services are keen to get involved in the clean up. Will be held on a Tues/Thurs afternoon in April.

Mobile Phone Mast – An application for a mobile phone mast to be located at the corner of Ruchazie Road and Edinburgh Road has been submitted. Jennifer can provide more details to anyone wishing to make an objection to this.

4. Previous Minutes and Actions Arising:

Martin Armstrong – David MacKenzie advised that Martin had been impressed by the FACT Committee when he attended the Management Committee meeting in January.

Youth Disorder – A couple of Committee members advised that youth disorder did not appear to have improved in their areas, they were advised to report this to their Housing Officers. David MacKenzie advised that Colin McNab, the Community Police Officer, would be attending some future Committee meetings.

Backcourts – Need to ensure that tenants are keeping bin areas and backcourts tidy and dispose of rubbish properly.

5. Steve Turnbull, City Plan Team, Glasgow City Council:

Steve advised that the City Plan document covers the whole of Glasgow but there is only a small mention involving Cranhill. At present the document is available for people to raise any objections and then changes will be made to it following this. The final City Plan document will be ready in the autumn.

It was established that there was nothing contained in the Plan with regards to any development in Cranhill. Steve advised that Cranhill was not alone in this lack of development works due to the current economic climate.

The Committee pointed out that there was a lot of vacant land desperately needing developed. The land left after the schools were demolished years ago was highlighted as one of the major issues.

Steve suggested that a Local Development Strategy be produced. David MacKenzie advised that an Estate Action Group needs to be formed to discuss such issues.

Steve acknowledged that the fact that Cranhill has such large areas of underdeveloped land might be in our favour, however, there is no good news for FACT at the moment. Steve advised that he would pass on the Committees comments to his department.

6. Investment 2009 – 2010 (Gerry Creanor):

Gerry advised that the investment framework was due to be approved the day following the meeting (Friday 27th March 09). He confirmed that the investment this year will be focused on one block of the multi-storey flats (Soutra Place) as already previously agreed by the Committee.

Gerry advised that the insulation of some houses in Cranhill is not up to standard and this has to be sorted by 2015 by law. This insulation work will be carried out in 2010 – 2011 before owner's grants are stopped in 2012. Exactly which houses are affected by this will be determined this week.

7. Performance Report – Period 11:

Arrears – Missed payments over Christmas have still not been made up as they normally are in January. Concern over next periods figures as FACT have 3 Housing Assistants off sick.

Homeless Lets – Down to 29%, required to be over 30%.

Letting – Still best performing LHO in city for letting.

8. Chairs Forum Update:

Chair's report on February's Chair's Forum was passed out to the Committee. The report advised that the Choice Based Letting pilot scheme would begin in March (involving offices in the West of the city only). It was implied at the meeting that there was concern over our Chair's attendance at these meetings. The FACT Committee have requested that a letter be sent to the Chair's Forum pointing out that when David Ford was unable to attend that Joyce Carroll had gone in his place representing FACT.

9. Estate Action Group:

David MacKenzie proposed that a meeting be set up in the next 3 weeks to discuss setting up an Estate Action Group. Police, Councillors, GCC Land/Environmental representatives, Local Councillors (Jennifer Dunn already expressed an interest in being involved), Community Safety Services, FACT, Thenew – all to be invited along.

10. Letter from Scottish Housing Regulator:

Formal response sent from FACT to Housing Regulator in response to their letter regarding RMA expiring.

11. Cranhill History Project:

Primary 7 pupils attending St Maria Goretti primary school are going to be undertaking a project on the history of Cranhill. David MacKenzie asked Committee if they wish to be involved in this, perhaps talk to the children about how things used to be and the changes that have taken

place in the area. FACT would be leading the project and it was proposed that a small steering group be set up especially for the history project.

12. Meetings/Events before next Management Committee:

- **Housing Management Sub Committee meeting - Thursday 5th March 2009**
- **Chairs Forum - 18th March 2009**
- **Investment/Finance Sub - 12th March 2009**
- **International Woman's Day - 5th March 2009 (Cranhill Community Project)**

13. Correspondence:

- **Investors in People Award** – Event being set up to officially present certificate to staff. Committee congratulated staff on their achievement.
- **The Scottish Housing Regulator – Notifiable Events** – Committee questioned why we would have to advise the Regulator of notifiable events when FACT are no longer going to be an RSL, David MacKenzie advised that we are still an RSL at this present moment.

14. Date of Next Meeting: 26th March 2009 at 6.30pm