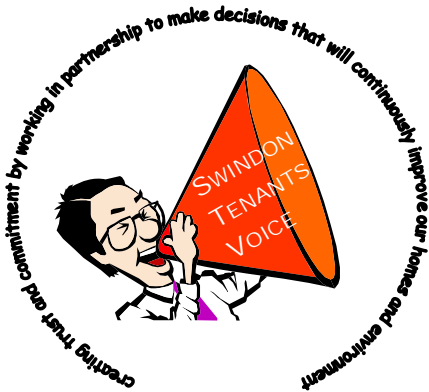


SWINDON TENANTS VOICE

**Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 17th September 2008
Council Chamber, Civic Offices**

Chair: Ruth Kiddle
Notes: Krystyna Tworek



STV Members Present – Peter Armstrong, Paul Burgess, William Dickens, Derek Fry, Frank Gething, Peter Hobson, Shirley Jones, Ruth Kiddle, Phil Lango, Nat Lannin, Peggy May, Gene Nygaard, Percy Ruck, Vasanti Thakrar, and Florance Tindall.

Observers – Margaret Hudson, and Deborah Walthorne from DWA Consultants.

Council Officers Present – Bernie Brannan, Peter Holohan, Paul Wilkins, and Krystyna Tworek.

Councillor Present – Doreen Dart.

Apologies – Norris Kiddle, Carolanne Bond, Richard Bustin, Derek Dowdeswell, Keith Hartigan, Wendy Welch, Sandys Powell, Councillors: William Morton, Brian Ford, Garry Perkins, David Glaholm, Mavis Childs, David Renard, Steve Wakefield (Mayor), David Wren (Deputy Mayor).

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Margaret Hudson and Deborah Walthorne, and asked members of the group to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes of the STV Annual General Meeting, 2007

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 September 2007 were agreed and approved.

3. **Adoption of Revised: STV Constitution, Equalities Statement and Code of Conduct**

An email, dated 11 September 2008, had been received from Eileen George regarding the Proposed Revised Code of Conduct, with a request that paragraph 15 should be amended to read ... “STV is a non-party political group”.

After discussion it was decided to have a vote as to whether or not to add the word “party”. The outcome was: in Favour – 0; Against – 6; Abstentions – 3. The motion was not carried, and the word “party” will not be included in this document.

A motion was put forward for adopting all three Proposed Revised documents, and after a vote (In Favour – 12 members; Against – 0; Abstention -0) the motion was carried. All three documents will be reviewed in 2 years time.

4. **The Chair’s Report**

The Chair gave her Report for last year, and a copy is attached as an appendix to these Notes.

5. **Election of Officers for 2008/2009**

Two nominations had been received for the Chair’s position, Ruth Kiddle and Nat Lannin. A ballot was held, whereby only STV members were eligible to vote. The votes were counted and verified by Bernie Brannan and Pete Holohan.

The following were elected:

Chairperson:	Nat Lannin
Vice-Chair:	Ruth Kiddle
Note taker:	Wendy Welch

6. **Close**

There being no further business, the STV AGM closed at 6.30 pm. The next STV AGM will be held in September 2009 at 6.00pm, venue and exact date to be confirmed nearer the time.

Appendix:

Chair Person's Annual Report

Thanks –

May I start by thanking you all for the time & commitment you have each given during the last year, I would like also to thank Nat Lannin for his support to me & the group as Vice-Chair. Next I of course owe a large thank you to Derek, Sandys & our Housing Tenant Participation Team, Peter, Paul & Shelley from whom Nat & I received great support throughout the year. Thanks also go to all who have taken our minutes through the year.

Partnership working –

We have continued to work in partnership with Swindon Council Councillors & Officers & Swindon Commercial Services, as well as all the other tenant groups in Swindon, TASH & Leaseholders Link. We have continued to work with TPAS, (*Tenant Participation Advisory Service*). Our time of working with Fort South West was put under some strain; we have stood by Derek Fry through his time of suspension from their committee & have now withdrawn our membership of Fort SW.

Our partnership working now includes working with the Independent Tenant Advisor (DWA)

Achievements –

We started the year with a Christmas Meal at the Plum Tree, since then we have made changes & steps forward, we have piloted our own Aims & Objectives (sadly we have not met all the goals) also Feedback Forms, plus looked at our group norms, Constitution, Code of Conduct & Equality Statement, which we will look at today. This year has seen Housing Information Fayres (HIFs) take place to which several of us have attended, also we are working on the Housing Options Appraisal which remains an ongoing thing, apart from all the usual Forums & Subgroups many of you have been part of, good work has been put in & much commitment for which I also thank you.

Our profile has been raised throughout the year by articles in “Housing Matters”, attendance at Housing Information Fayres & word of mouth.

Membership –

We have increased by one member which saw one winner of the “Chair Person’s prize”, but lost Jean as she moved back to Portsmouth. So our number remains at thirty six. Several members have suffered problems of ill health this year, to whom we send our thoughts & best wishes for the future.

I close thanking you all again for your support over the past year & I take this opportunity to wish the next STV officers all the very best for the year ahead.

Ruth Kiddle
Chair of STV 2007 – 2008