

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting Held Tuesday 27th January 2009 At 18 Brendon House, 3 Nottingham Place W1M 3FN

Present:

Bob Smytherman (Chairman), Dick Williams (Deputy Chairman), Robert Levene (CEO), Mike Derome (Treasurer), Philippa Turner.

In Attendance: Lord Coleraine, Nic Shulman, N T M Roberts, Stephen Guy

Apologies: M Redman, A McKeer, A Ellson, Peter Haler, Y Mistry, A Pridell

Minutes

11/11/2008 – These were approved and signed.

Treasurers Report:

Report distributed prior to meeting.

Bank Balances

Nationwide	£18,825.35
Nat West	£7,590.73
PayPal	£203.43

Subscriptions:

Agreed increase by £10.00. per member Association.
It was decided to scrap the Sept – Dec discount.

It was agreed to investigate collecting membership fees by direct debit, and this was delegated to the CEO.

CEO Report:

- Report distributed prior to meeting this was reviewed and noted.
- It was agreed to try to proceed with finding solutions to section 20/section 20ZA .
- The Fuel Poverty eradication bill we would do a mail out to all our members subject to the sponsoring group paying the postage.
- We would write to the relevant minister pointing out that if they are going to achieve the fuel efficiency measures they need to do something about allowing 'improvements' perhaps by allowing variation of Lease and authorising the LVT to do this for fuel efficiency measures. 2002 Act allows this to be done by regulation. RL/BS to draft the letter.
- We are to see if the All Party Leasehold Group is still operating and if so make contact (former chairman Barry Gardiner MP)

Press release has been issued using the new system and we will judge response to that as to whether to continue and pay for this new service.

Admin. Report:

Report distributed prior to meeting this was reviewed and noted
It was decided not to proceed with telephone/internet banking.

RW to provide MD with idea for operating Imprest petting cash account (max £1000.00) on single signature.

Website – Stephen Guy gave a report of improvements being made:

- frequently asked questions
- index newsletter
- press releases
- personal experiences

At a future committee meeting we will discuss advertising on the website.

Location and Dates of future meetings:

10th March 2009 Brendon House

9th June 2009 Brendon House

11th August (Proposed meeting – clashes with holidays). This will be decided at the 10th March meeting.

22nd September 2009 (AGM) – Park Crescent Conference Centre

Any Other Business

- Rowena Wilson resignation from the committee was noted with regret and an item would be put in the next newsletter.
- It was agreed that Citizens Advice Bureaus would be updated.
- NS would provide Bob and Stephen with a copy of the leasehold distribution map.
- Lease conference – we may have opportunity to speak. If so, Nic Shulman would represent us.
- Enfranchisement Awards – RL will represent as a judge.

Thanks were expressed to Muriel Guest-Smith for use of her apartment.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.