



Dudley Federation of Tenants & Residents Associations

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Main items from DFTRA General Meeting Thursday 29th March 2018

- 🌸 **New DFTRA Directors:** Tony Brain (Hill Street 3 Towers TRA), Elaine Lloyd (Ellowes Hall & Area TRA), George McClay (Beacon Hill TRA) were welcomed to the Board officially after their registration at Companies House.
- 🌸 **Community Forum funding:** The procedure is due to be reviewed later in the year and groups will be updated once more is known.
- 🌸 **Lettings:** Sian Evans explained that consultation around Low Rise properties is currently being carried out. This is due to a difference in the demand for properties and the availability of suitable properties for the people who need them (i.e. more properties for older people than younger people). More information – as well as an online survey – can be seen here <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/housing/finding-a-home/council-homes/applying-for-a-council-home/lettings-policy/>
- 🌸 **Sad news:** Members were informed of the passing of two former TRA members – Cyril Richards (formerly of Hawbush TRA) and Michael Sidaway (formerly of Arley & Compton TRA). Respects were paid to both, who had given a lot of time and commitment to their local communities over a number of years.
- 🌸 **Participation Development Team Consultation and Networking Event:** This will take place on Tuesday 24th April at Saltwells EDC at 7pm. The purpose of the event is to consult regarding the Participation Team's draft Engagement Policy and to launch the new format Tenants Annual Report. There will also be a networking opportunity to meet other people from across the borough who are actively involved with their communities and Housing Services. The event should last around an hour and a half, there is plenty of free parking at the venue and refreshments will be provided. It would be appreciated if you could register your interest by contacting the Participation Team on 01384 815168, or email Participation@dudley.gov.uk by Friday 20th April 2018. More information can be seen here <https://www.facebook.com/events/364942710659016/>
- 🌸 **Service Inspectors:** DMBC are always looking for interested people to take on voluntary roles such as these. More information can be found here <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/housing/tenant-participation/> or by contacting the Participation Team on 01384 815168, or email Participation@dudley.gov.uk.

Directors

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