

Residents Partnership View NewsFlash



As members of the Residents Partnership we are pleased to present this quarterly **NewsFlash** following our meeting on Wednesday 17th October 2007

We hope that it provides Tai Cymdogaeth Staff and Board Members with an overview of the items brought to the meeting so that **YOU** know what matters to us.

We would welcome any ideas about information you would like to see in future editions, but most of all we hope you find the **NewsFlash** informative.

About the meeting

The Residents Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 17th October 2007 was held in the Grand Hotel, Swansea from 10am - 1pm followed by a buffet lunch. 20 residents attended from a variety of areas including Swansea, Neath, Llanelli and Rhayader.

Points discussed at the Meeting

We:

- Were pleased to receive a presentation from Haf Roberts, Research & Sustainability Officer, on zero carbon housing. We found the presentation interesting and informative.
- Were delighted to hear about the progress of the Disability Group and also that the group had been involved in the early discussions for the development of the new Disability Strategy.
- Noted the response from Steve Barry, Housing Association Inspection Project Manager, following our letter to the Wales Audit Office regarding our concerns about the time it has taken for them to write the report. We wonder how relevant the findings would be as there has been progression in relation to tenant participation and services to tenants since the Audit took place in August 2006.
- Were pleased to hear that the Customer Service Inspection for Major Repairs and Improvement would take place in November. We look forward to hearing about the findings in our January meeting.
- Were pleased to welcome Richard Lewis, Housing Maintenance Supervisor, to our meeting to give us an update on the Housing Maintenance Service.
- We were pleased to receive an update report on the Community Chest Fund. We agreed that panel was working well to assess applications but some detailed eligibility and funding criteria should be put in place to help ensure consistency in funding.
- Were pleased to hear that David Butterworth and Peter Davies had been elected to join Pam Gray and Helen Williams as Resident Board Members and Phil Davies who will have an automatic place on the Board as the Residents Partnership Chair. We wish them all well in the coming year as they represent residents on the Tai Cymdogaeth Board.
- We received an interesting presentation on the History Of Gwalia and found it gave us a good overview of how Gwalia has developed over its 34 year history.

Question for the Board:

We would invite Board Members of the Tai Cymdogaeth Board of Management to attend our meetings in the future. We feel that this would help to build the links between the Board and residents whilst giving Board Members a hands on knowledge of our meetings.

Our meetings for 2008 are Thursday 24th January, Thursday 17th April, Thursday 17th July (also AGM) and Thursday 16th October.