

Haddonhall TMO Options Study

Steering Group meeting
15 October 2003 6.30pm
Haddonhall Community Room

Attending: (Laurence to insert list)

Apologies: Bernie Ranford

1. The group **agreed to pursue the Model Friendly Society Rules for TMOs**.
Proposed Ida Forster, seconded Mike Sedgwick

The following details of the rules were discussed:

- a) Number of members of Board – model rules suggests maximum of 12, but the steering group agreed that a higher maximum would be more appropriate for us. The rules allow us to amend this number at a General Meeting, so **it was agreed to leave this rule as it stood** and to amend as necessary at a later stage.
 - b) Will new tenants be obliged to join the new co-op? Laurence will ask Ben Beck for advice.
 - c) What will the position be on rights of leaseholders and freeholders and people to whom they sub-let to join both the Board and to become members? Laurence to ask Ben for advice on practice of other TMOs in the borough. Again, this can be decided after we adopt the rules.
 - d) We are obliged to register in a different name from previously. **We agreed to register as Haddonhall Residents Co-operative**. Proposed Wendy Sedgwick, seconded Pattie Whitmore.
 - e) Bob Prout consulted the rules of the existing co-operative and confirmed that members of this organisation will be able to transfer their membership to the new organisation. We will still need to contact existing and potential new members to inform them of the change.
2. The rules can only be adopted at a General Meeting and we will only be able to complete our application on completion of the audited accounts. A General Meeting is proposed for **Wednesday 12 November**. However, Bob Prout cannot guarantee that the accounts will be audited by then. He will be able to confirm on Monday 3 November when they will be ready for auditing. Several members of the group offered to help Bob during half term – Mike Sedgwick to co-ordinate. Mike Sedgwick will find out from Ben Beck how far we can progress our membership without the audited accounts.
 3. Maggie at the office will be able to send out a letter to all residents inviting them to the General Meeting and informing them of the importance of what will be discussed. Mike Sedgwick will draft a letter to submit to Bob or Bernie for approval.
 4. Steering Group members were reminded of the free TMO committee skills training to be held on 1 November. Wendy Sedgwick will submit the names of those interested to Ben Beck. Laurence circulated some information on TMO training online. The website is TMOonline.organisation.uk and our password is hadd1979.
 5. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29 October 2003 6.30pm.

