

# North East Tenant Voice (NETV) Meeting

Thursday 14 October, 10:30am – 12:30pm

via Zoom



## Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Name	Organisation	T/O
Alan Black	Livin	T
Anne Mahone	Jonnie Johnson Housing	T
Anne Potts	Karbon Homes	T
Anthony King	Darlington	T
Brenda Naisby	Gentoo	T
Darran Weston	Livin	T
Dawn Pearson	Northumberland CC	T
Dorothy Mead	Beyond Housing	T
Helen Hall	Gateshead Council	T
Ian McKenzie	Gateshead Council	T
Jackie Greenwood	Your Homes Newcastle	T
Jackie Long	Northumberland CC	T
Jim Martin	Thirteen	T
Jim Scollen	Thirteen	T
John Dannell	Gentoo	T
Kathleen Newell	Johnnie Johnson Housing	T
Michael Lisle	Karbon	T
Richard Forster	Livin	T
Sheila Capuano	Bernicia	T
Terry Chittenden	Believe	T
Ashleigh Fullwood	Newcastle CC	T
Carole Tilley	Believe Housing	O
Julie Carter	Bernicia Homes	O
Lewis Rimington	Karbon Homes	O
Simon Hand	Gateshead Council	O
James Marsh	Beyond Housing	O
Jo-Anne Parkinson	Gentoo	O

The attendance list reflects the individuals who could be identified on the zoom call. Please let Leanne Farrell know any amendments so an updated list can be circulated.

Name	Organisation	Role
Gillian McLaren	Tpas	Facilitator
Emma Gilpin	Tpas	Facilitator
Leanne Farrell	Tpas	Facilitator/Minutes

## Apologies:

Name	Organisation	T/O
Gemma Seddon	Northumberland CC	T
Pam Mclvor	Thirteen	T
Val Smart	Bernicia	T
Williamena Keal	Livin	T



### 1. Welcome

Gillian McLaren, Tpas, welcomed all to the meeting.

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15 September 2021 were agreed as a true record.

### 3. Structure

Tpas conducted a SurveyMonkey for members to express an interest in being part of the board. 9 members were identified:

Name (Tenant Member)	Landlord Organisation
Alan Black	Livin Housing
Anthony King	Darlington
Dave Fidgeon	Bernicia
Helen Hall	Gateshead Council
Jim Scollen	Thirteen
John Dannell	Gentoo
Mark Gilbank	Believe
Ricky Parkinson	Beyond Housing
Val Smart	Bernicia

Group agreed to move forward with the 9 members. Ian McKenzie asked to be added to the interests list should anyone step down. Agreed to trial this Board for the first 12 months with 9 members and additional decision making taken to the wider tenants' forum.

Terms of Reference needs amending to include the quorate level for the NETV majority vote at tenant forum meetings.

Discussion as to whether by-proxy voting is the way forward as this might discourage members from attending the meeting. Agreed to trial by-proxy voting for the first 12 months.



Agreed to reconcile member numbers every 6 months based on attendance at meetings and engagement with NETV activities.

Comment: require the addition of an appeals process in the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.

Agreed a finance update to be given every 3 months at the meeting.

Action: Tpas to re-send Zoom Groundrules.

#### **4. Review Paper**

All confirmed they had received a copy of the Review Paper.

Tpas to re-propose their services going forward with a pick and mix approach. NETV to discuss and decide on Tpas' involvement with the group at the next NETV meeting. Tpas will leave the meeting so open discussion can take place.

#### **5. November Launch event**

Agreed to run launch event in the Spring due to weather and Covid restrictions.

Comment: Helen Hall added Inside Housing were interested in writing an article about the NETV and attending the launch event.

Agreed for a specialist 'Launch event' group to be instated to discuss arrangements for the launch event. The volunteers for this group were:

Helen Hall  
Ian McKenzie  
Alan Black  
Sheila Capuanos  
Jim Scollen  
Richard Forster

The launch group will arrange to meet in November themselves.

Agreed the next NETV meeting will take place early December with Christmas fancy dress.

#### **6. Any other business**

Comment on the need for a meeting facilitator (whether this is Tpas) to ensure group success.  
Comment to amend all Gateshead Housing Company members (and staff) to Gateshead Council.

**Date of next meeting: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10:30am to 12:30pm.**