

\MINUTES OF : **Bolton Accredited Residential Landlord Organisation**
 [BARLO] Board Meeting
DATE : **Wednesday 27th June 2007 at 6.00pm**
VENUE : **UCAN Centre, Hatfield Road, Halliwell, Bolton**

Present	Linda Thomas	Councillor
	John O'Donnell	Private Landlord
	Philip Ward	Private Landlord
	Andy Patel	Private Landlord
	Steven Gallagher	Independent
	Julianne Scarlett	Private Landlord Project
	Cath Conniffe	Strategic Housing Unit
Apologies	Kath Gough	Independent

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

Previous minutes approved as accurate record by JO and PW

Two versions of amended Business Plan circulated yellow copy is shorter. Suggestions to improve included

- Quirky quote / subheading focus on advice, get facts, forget the myths.
- Joint Services Group add [Private Rented Sector] in bullet point
- Use back page to encourage membership applications

Use Bolton Council Branding to demonstrate close links / partnership approach

1000 copies proposed circulation to include BARLO members / stakeholders / elected members

Action JS to produce final draft, identify funding, forward to Marcoms for formatting.

Bolton Hospice presentation photo and Bolton News article circulated, disappointing that Bolton News did not print the photo with the article. Generate additional publicity potential to use photograph in future Newsletters / Articles promoting BARLO

Action JS to make appropriate contacts discuss opportunities

3. Selective Licensing Proposals In Bolton

JS provided an overview of the Bolton Council / Bolton at Home funding application submitted to the National Housing Consortium to help transform Union Road area of Tonge During the presentation and discussion the following points were made representing the landlords views

JO believes that no-one could argue the case against not introducing selective licensing in this context. JO does not feel the Eldon Street area is unaffected and not appropriate for licensing to extend this far. Problems with ASB / low demand as described in Great Lever acknowledged as a potential 2nd licensing area in the future.

Potential for Licensing scheme to boost landlords confidence in the area with potential to see real rewards and benefits. Opening of UCAN centre in Union Road and police support for UCAN is believed to have already increased confidence that improvements are on their way.

JS confirmed that private landlords would have an evening session to come along and discuss with officers in more detail proposals

Action JS to liaise closely with Licensing steering Group and keep BARLO informed of progress

4. Accreditation Code Of Standards Review Group

Code was circulated at a previous BARLO meeting for comments and feedback, ALIST are hoping to tweak and amend the national code in August after considering any comments by its sub regional members that includes Bolton / BARLO.

PW and JD [NWLA] offered to review contents and pass comments to JS to take to ALIST

Action PW to read and review. JO to identify NWLA representative to Read and review, JS to feedback to ALIST.

5. Forward Planner / Presentations

Speakers and presentations identified for July and October meetings request made by JS for any ideas / preference for future BARLO meetings / events

August meeting cancelled due to holiday commitments

JD mentioned that further to his offer to help BARLO identify speakers on Tax / Financial matters from NWLA that Inland Revenue might be best approach after all.

Action ALL identify presentation themes / topics beneficial to members

6. AOB

None raised

Next BARLO BOARD Meeting Wednesday 19th September2007 @ 6.00pm