



BOARD MEETING PUBLIC RECORD

27 MARCH 2015

THIS PUBLIC RECORD OF A BOARD MEETING ON 27 MARCH 2015 WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON 01 MAY 2015 AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE REPORT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE ON THE SOUTHEAST WEBSITE

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS – SHIRLEY FARAM, GAYLE KOUBWERE, ANDREA LEE, TRACEY HALL, JAN DICKSON, DEBBIE DIOGUARDI, STEVEN GRANGE, STEVE KROPF AND GREG NOLAN

APOLOGIES: NA

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – IAN MCLAREN (GENERAL MANAGER) AND DAVID GRIFFITHS (GOVERNANCE OFFICER)

GUESTS: Deeane Lacozy, Halima Parsons, Rachid Sikeerg

FIRST STREET DEVELOPMENT

The General Manager advised that DHHS had still not made a decision on the SouthEast application of the redevelopment of the First Street property but that CHFV had raised the issue with the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing

SENATE COMMITTEE

It was noted that a submission would be developed for approval by the board to the Senate Committee on Co-operatives and Mutuals.

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS

It was noted that CHFV was recommending voluntary compliance with the Victorian Charter of Human Rights. At its February 2015 board meeting CHFV had agreed that as community housing aspired to be model landlords who cared

about the welfare of tenants and vulnerable people who are reliant on social housing, Community Housing organisations are advised to voluntarily comply with the Charter.

The board agreed to in principle agreement to voluntary compliance with the Victorian Charter of Human Rights subject to a further report on implementation

MCLURE REPORT

It was noted that the Government had praised the McClure report without specifying what would be implemented. The Budget (2015-16) could be the first indicator but a pre-budget family package could also be an indicator. McClure argued for a no disadvantage shift to a new system i.e. Newstart recipients would not be better off. McClure argued payments should be linked with potential employability with different tiers. On housing there was support for market rent and increased Commonwealth Rent Assistance for all in social housing.

STRATEGIC PLAN

There was discussion on the 13 March 2015 Strategic Review Workshop and it was reported that it had been a constructive workshop with a focus on the top tier Mission and Goals and that there had been a number of useful proposed amendments for further consideration including possible amendment to mission and development of new goal and replacement of an existing goal and amendments to priorities. Changes will be subject to 18 May 2015 General Meeting approval. Proposed wording changes and other amendments need to be developed by GP for consideration by the board meeting on 1 May 2015.

COMPLIANCE

The General Manager reported that was fully compliant and that:

- (a) One tenant had vacated.
- (b) There was one new membership application.
- (c) There were two vacant properties – including the First Street property for re-development.
- (d) Rent arrears at \$11,250 at 28 February 2015
- (e) No reportable complaints for the month of March.
- (f) There was one retirement request.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were accepted – Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Cash flow and Charts on Profitability, Return on Assets, Revenue Analysis, Maintenance, Quick Ratio, Tenancy Management and Expenditure of Income.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Chairperson invited the three guests to make any comments they wished to share with the board - Deen Le Coz, Halima Parsons, Rachid Sikeerg.

The guests suggested there needed to be a renewal of community within the co-operative and urged the board to consider the options and possibilities.