

**Brief notes of the Greater Manchester Housing and Disability Meeting held on Friday 21 January 1985 in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Manchester.**

**Present:**

Bernard Gosschalk	Housing Centre Trust (in Chair)
Eileen Milnes	The Spastics Society Nat Executive
Louise Silburn	The Spastics Society
Martin Field	Manchester Disability Forum
Ken Kearton-Smith	Collingwood Housing Association
Sadie Smith	Lancs Social Services
Chris Haynes	Bolton MBC Housing Department
Ron Sims	Oldham MBC Housing Department
Val Suffolk	Oldham Social Services Dept.
Dorothy Whitaker	GMCVS

**Apologies:**

Peter Norman	Irwell Valley Housing Association
Don Simpson	Rochdale Housing Department
Judith Gray	North Manchester Health Authority
R Dudley-Southern	South Manchester Health Authority
Chris Drinkwater	Rochdale Voluntary Action
Ken Lumb	UPIAS
June Maelzer	Manchester Disability Forum

**1 Minutes of last meeting**

- 1) Ref 4 - Questionnaire list should be amended to read:

Manchester	June Maelzer/Martin Field
Stockport	Roy Dudley-Southern
Trafford	Louise Silburn.

- 2) Ref 5c - line 3 should read University of Manchester Hester Adrian Centre.

The minutes were then accepted as a correct record.

**2 Matters arising**

- a) Ref 1 - Martin and Roy had met and prepared an amplification of the 'Care in the Community' points (see attached).
- b) Ref 2b - Grant Applications had now been sent to 6 organisations. No replies had been received to date.
- c) Ref 3 - Martin commented that Carl Ford's scheme involving direct funding had already started. June Maelzer was still awaiting the final approval.

- d) Ref 4 - June and Roy had sent their apologies for the meeting but Sadie Smith reported that it had been difficult to do a 'pilot' run of the questionnaire in Lancashire because of the nature of the district arrangements in the Shire County as opposed to the Metropolitan County. It was agreed that Lancashire should provide the relevant information in their own format to be considered alongside that from other areas.

A meeting had been held on 22 January for those people who would be responsible for the questionnaire in the GMC districts and notes of this meeting had been circulated to those unable to be present.

If possible it was agreed the questionnaires should be completed and returned by mid-March.

- e) Ref 5b - it was agreed to invite Siobahn Rowe of ASBAH, who had written the article on the housing needs of young people with disabilities, to present the issue at the next meeting. Also young people known to Siobahn and Dorothy - who were currently seeking a suitable housing option - would be invited to contribute to the discussion.
- f) Ref 5c - Val Suffolk reported that Margaret Flynn was currently involved in an Independent Living Scheme for Mentally Handicapped People in Sale.

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### Video on the EDINVAR HOUSING PROJECT

This was the main item on the agenda. Copies of the information about this scheme are available from Caroline Wells/Dorothy Whitaker at GMCVS.

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### Any other business

Martin queried that although the Housing Group was primarily concerned about the Care Support aspect of housing for disabled people, there still seemed to be a need for a local campaign to improve the awareness of both Public and Private Sector Housing Authorities and Developers about the design and flexible housing stock needs of disabled people. This was supported by Ron Sims of Oldham Housing Department. Bernard agreed to write to Ted Cantle, (Under Secretary, Housing and Public Works at AMA), for ideas on recommended housing standards for disabled people, as he had introduced mobility housing on a large scale when Chief Housing Officer for Wakefield. Dorothy agreed to contact CROSSROADS about the research they did into overall housing provision for disabled people in selected areas in 1980. How and if the Group could promote better

standards and practice in provision and design would be discussed at the next meeting.

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Date, time next meeting

Friday 8 March, 1 pm, at the St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester. A sandwich lunch will be available from 12.45 pm - 1.15 pm; please confirm you will be attending the meeting by Thursday morning, 7 March, so catering can be arranged accordingly.