

Minutes for Central Regional Network
Held on 22nd August 2019
In Atlantic Quay Building, Glasgow
At 11 am

Present

Hugh McClung, MBE	HMcC	Stirling Tenants Assembly
Philomena McClung	PMcC	Stirling Tenants Assembly
John Duffy	JD	Coatbridge Federation of Tenants & Residents
Jeanette Arneil	JAr	Clydesdale HA Tenants & Residents
Mary Niven	MN	Trust Customer Panel
Geoff Morgan	GM	Breton & Corentin RA
Peter Winnie	PW	Coatbridge Federation of Tenants & Residents
Shona Gorman	SG	Link Housing Association
Allan Todd	AT	

In Attendance

Susan McLellan	SMcL	Scottish Government
Georgia McCambley		West Dunbartonshire
Frances McGonagle		West Dunbartonshire

Apologies

Lindsay Anderson	LA	Link Housing Association
George McGuinness, MBE	GMcG	Baillieston Tenants & Residents
June Anderson	JAn	Clackmannanshire Tenant & Resident Federation
Susan Robertson	SR	Clackmannanshire Tenant & Resident Federation

- Item 1 Hugh opened the Meeting with a welcome to all and in particular to the two West Dunbartonshire Representatives who were attending the Network Meeting, for

The first time.

Item 2 Round Table Introductions

After Hugh's welcome, all members introduced themselves to the visiting Delegates from West Dunbartonshire, Georgia and Frances.

Item 3 Minutes and Matters Arising.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, PMcC, and seconded PW.
Matters Arising : PW confirmed that as requested at the previous meeting he had completed the Consultation on Fire Safety on behalf of the Network
Geoff expressed concern about the height limit that can be reached by an External ladder, what about residents living above this limit?
It was agreed that it would be best to await the results of the Consultation
JD to view new North Lanarkshire building, he will report to next meeting.

Item 4 Correspondence.

Both GM and JD had been contacted about their membership of the SHR Liaison Group. Both expressed the wish to remain on the Group.
Audit Scotland Meeting.

Following on from the Meeting of Chairs and Audit Scotland, a further Meeting has been arranged with Regional Reps. on 2nd September.
LA, GMcG, MN will represent this Network.

Members are required for a Committee to help organise the National Event to be held on 21st November in Edinburgh.
PMcC to represent this Network on this Committee.

On 18th September, National Housing Day, a meeting will take place in The Wheatley Academy in Glasgow, to which all members are welcome.
The topic will be "Housing as a Human Right"

Item 5 Workplan and Communication.

It was agreed to upgrade the heading to 2019/2020 and send out Copies to all members.

Item 6 Treasurer's Report.

The balance as at 31/7/19	£735.31
Cheque paid in Cash in hand	+ 500.00
Total	£1210.31

It was agreed that there would be 4 signatories for the account any 2 Being required for each cheque.

The 2 existing signatories, HMcC and JAn would be joined by MN and SG. Paperwork required for this to be organised by MN

Item 7 Feedback from Working Groups.

Age, Home & Community Advisory Group
Information on this group to be distributed at a later date

Chairs & Secretaries Meeting will be reported to next meeting after minutes Have been received

JHPDG

Hugh gave a summary of the meeting of this group, which is the last one he will Attend,

There was a SG speaker, Marion Gibbs, and the topics discussed included Homelessness, Updating the profile, new implementation strategy, shifts in policy With a person centred approach, Security and Tenancy attainment.

The RRTP, the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan was also discussed, and the fact That Local Authorities are not legally obliged to participate.

There was an SG update, and discussion on Single First Time Buyers, Alignment Of Fuel/Income poverty bills, the new Planning Bill which is reaching final Discussion prior to Royal Assent and a Proposal for a Mary Barbour Bill to limit Private sector rents to 1% pa. Affordability report soon, National Investment Bank Is now approved. Future discussion, Housing 2020-2040, new Fire Safety Regulatory Framework and Board. 50k homes progress to date is 33.5% Committed 11,130 homes completed as of March 2019.

Following Hugh's report, there was discussion on the level of private renting Also deposit required for 1st time buyers, land banking and the high land cost Being passed onto buyers.

Item 8 HRA Report

So far there have been 7 responses out of the 60 sent out.

Positive report from Dundee, but problems in Perth, Stirling, Aberdeenshire, Not complying with guidance.

Hugh has met with Michael Boal and discussed the whole strategy, what is good Practice with Landlords and RTO's, some are working well, others are less Compliant. They hope to have a Report out to the National Event in November. TP is under threat, consultation is not happening as it should, and indeed is Stated in SHR Policy, and there are concerns which were mentioned in The meeting with Audit Scotland.

Should a monitoring group be set up?

Further discussion around TP followed.

Item 9 Network Annual Event

It is hoped that there will be as full attendance as is possible for this event Which will be held in Edinburgh on 21st November

Item 10 AOCB

A Sub Group is to be set up to review Communications, the web site etc.

This group will consist of Lindsay Anderson, Mary Niven and Shona Gorman

The two Representatives from West Dunbartonshire expressed their wish To join the Network, and Philomena moved that they be co-opted on, and

This was seconded by John Duffy.

The Meeting was closed.

Forward Meeting Planner

17th October 2019

12th December 2019

6th February 2020

2nd April 2020