

**Minute of North of Scotland Regional Network 1**  
**Meeting held on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10.00 a.m.**  
**via Zoom**

**Present:**

Cameron Grant	Vice Chair	<b>CG</b>
Leonora Montgomery	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>LHM</b>
Steve Byrne	Committee Member	<b>SB</b>
Colin Stewart	Committee Member	<b>CS</b>
Gerald Low	Committee Member	<b>GL</b>
Alasdair Mackenzie	Committee Member (from 10.29)	<b>AM</b>

**In attendance:**

Susan McLellan	Scottish Government	<b>SM</b>

**Apologies:/Absent:**

Bill Chapman	Chair	<b>Absent</b>
Patricia Millar	Committee Member	<b>Apologies</b>
Tom O'Brien	Committee Member	<b>Apologies</b>
Derek Wilkie	Committee Member	<b>Absent</b>
Ruth Fraser	Committee Member	<b>Absent</b>

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u></b>	
	All were welcomed to the first Meeting of the year and Apologies were given as stated.	<b>CG</b>
	LHM advised that she had received a Letter of Resignation from PM but would speak about this under Matters Arising.	<b>LHM</b>
	Declarations of Interest – CS gave his for being on the SHR Board.	<b>CS</b>

<p>2.</p>	<p><b><u>Minute of Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>This was proposed by SB and seconded by CS as an accurate record of the Meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising –</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Item 4 –</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How are Landlords involving their Tenant/Tenant Groups in Consultations</b> – Following last month’s Meeting, PM sent a Letter of Complaint to Angus Council re the current situation and concluded with her resignation as both Chair and Member of her Tenant Group. This resulted in an acknowledgement of her resignation but no answers to her complaint. Because of said Resignation, as she was no longer a member of any Tenant Group, PM, with regret, resigned from the Regional Network. She also wrote a Letter of Complaint to the Housing Minister and to date, she is still waiting a reply. SM advised that she had received both PM and the other Tenant’s Letters of Complaint from the Minister’s Office to reply to and this she has done to both. When SM contacted Angus Council re this situation they stated that they had done everything they could to include both Members who stated that they did not want to be contacted. SM stated that there was nothing the Regional Network could do regarding this situation. CS advised that RF was also left without a Group as Aberdeenshire Council had restructured their TP. SM is therefore going to contact RF to ascertain the current situation.</li> <li>• <b>HRA Scrutiny</b> - LHM asked if their had been any progress in obtaining the Questions required for this and SM advised that this was ongoing.</li> </ul>	<p>LHM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>LHM</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></b></p> <p>LHM advised that as there had been no expenditure during November and December 2020 the Bank Account Balance remains at £1,651.40 Cr and as she purchased 12 x Second Class Stamps at a cost of £7.80 the Petty Cash Balance for both months is £24.25 Cr.</p>	<p>LHM</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b><u>Business Matters</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Age, Home and Community Group Report</b> – SB advised that there still had been no Meeting but he was going to raise with the Chair of the Group the situation regarding some rural Communities receiving a letter from BT stating that if they wished their Broadband speed to be increased they would have to pay a six figure sum each for this to be carried out. We await to hear more on this.</li> <li>• <b>Website Update</b> – CS advised that he has another Meeting next week re a couple of additional issues. There will also be a Meeting with all Regions at the end of the month to decide who will be the Representative from each to update the Website.</li> <li>• <b>Chairs and Secretaries Group Update</b> – LHM stated that this will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 and the next two in line to be Observers were AM and GL. Both confirmed that they would attend.</li> </ul>	<p>SB</p> <p>CS</p> <p>LHM</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SHR Liaison Group Report</b> – CG advised that the pre-meeting took place earlier this week (5<sup>th</sup>) where we discussed Suspension of Covid 19 Returns/Annual Assurance Statements and Monthly Dashboard. The Meeting with the SHR will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 where we look forward to hearing their plans for 2021. LHM asked for area updates to enable her to forward these to Kelda prior to the Meeting. These were duly received.</li> <li>• <b>Communications Group</b> – SB attended this where the production of an Annual Newsletter was discussed and this will be one for all Regions with each having one Page. Region 1 has been asked to produce an article on the SHR/RN Liaison Group and SB has already contacted CG to write this. Next Meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CG</b></p> <p><b>LHM</b></p> <p><b>SB/CG</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GL wanted to raise the issue of Perth and Kinross Council finally contacting some of their Tenants at the end of November 2020 regarding the Rent Consultation. GL is concerned by the situation as he and several others feel they are trying to run down TP as telephone calls continue to be unanswered. We await an update on this at our next Meeting.</li> <li>• CS raised the issue of the AGM taking place in May 2021. This will be on our next Meeting's Agenda for discussion.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting –</b></p> <p><b>Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom.</b></p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>