

Minutes for Central Scotland Regional Network 4
Held on line by Zoom
15th July 2021 at 11 am



Present:

Hugh McClung MBE	HMc	Stirling Tenants Assembly	
John Duffy	JD	Shotts TARA	
June Anderson	JuA	Clackmannanshire T&R Fed.	
John Duffy	JD	Shotts TARA	
Mary Niven	MN	Trust Housing Customer Panel	
Georgia McCambley	GMc	West Dunbartonshire	
Shona Gorman	SG	Link Housing TSP	
Geoff Morgan	GM	BACCRA	
Lindsay Anderson	LA	Link Housing Association	

In Attendance:

Susan McLellan	SMc	Scottish Government	

Apologies:

Peter Winnie	Coatbridge Fed. Of Tenants & Residents	
Frances McGonagle	West Dunbartonshire	
Susan Robertson	Clackmannanshire T&R Fed.	
Philomena McClung	Stirling Tenants Assembly	

Item		Action
1	The Chair welcome everyone to the first Meeting since the AGM in May 2021 Apologies were given for PMc, PW,SR,and FMc. SMc is trying to contact JeA who is expected to attend the Meeting.	

<p>2</p>	<p><u>The Minutes of the last Meeting Held on 29th April 2021 And Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The Minutes were approved by JuA, and seconded by SG</p> <p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>Matters arising from the previous meeting which require discussion have been included as separate items in this meeting's agenda.</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>No Correspondence has been received</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Work Plan/Communication Strategy</u></p> <p>There will be a Report from the Communication Sub Group later in the Agenda, but the Chair felt that this item needed to remain on the Agenda, in terms of Housing to 2040 and the Review of the Scottish Housing Charter to give us the chance to monitor any changes that come about. The Chair also suggested that only the page relevant and subject to change needed to be printed, and not the remainder of the document. SMC re-iterated that any printing required could be done by Gov. staff. LA brought up the lateness of some papers arriving very close to the Meeting date. The Chair explained that illness had held up the Meeting Agenda, and that on some occasions it was not possible to get papers more quickly. LA replied that perhaps we should change the wording in the Strategy, to say papers would arrive 7 days before meeting, "where possible"</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>.</p> <p>There has been no change to the financial records since the last meeting and the balance as at 29th April 2021 is:</p> <p>Current Balance; £2503.27 Petty Cash ; £ 140.16</p> <p>The Treasurer pointed out that Members could be re-imbursed for any Printing Cost they had incurred, either paper or ink. SMC also endorsed this point.</p>	

<p>6</p>	<p><u>Working Group Updates</u></p> <p>SMc stated that the Government TP Team would be sending out a list of the Current Working Groups, their Membership and highlighting any Vacancies.</p> <p><u>JHPDG</u> There have been no meetings of this Group</p> <p><u>Fire Safety</u> There have been no meetings of this Group</p> <p><u>Housing and Social Security</u> There have been no meetings of this Group</p> <p><u>Age Home and Community</u> There have been no meetings of this Group</p> <p><u>Chairs and Secretary's</u></p> <p>SG had provided and circulated a short summary of the last meeting for members. The Chair informed members that the issues around the HRA spending were under discussion to try and clarify the situation and further work on this would halt until these discussions had been completed</p> <p><u>SHR Liaison Group</u></p> <p>Paper submitted by JuA. A reminder that the Scottish Housing Charter is under review, and SHR Board have been recruiting new members to replace those standing down. The Liaison Group meet again in August 2021.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Communication sub group/Website update</u></p> <p>Minutes have been issued, much discussion at last meeting around Basecamp and it's usefulness, is there repetition of information? Useful though to inform larger group of people. Difference also around equipment used, tablet or pc, ios or android. Region 1 use it well. Region 2 &3 are going to do training on Basecamp before deciding. Chair has a system which he finds easy and has no need for Basecamp. Region 4 decided they would not use Basecamp.</p> <p>Newsletter and Flyer going to publishers to discuss both. Members with only Tablets are finding difficulty, can the TP team help with that? March minutes uploaded to website, and Jemma has uploaded previous Minutes. Concern about who would be seeing information posted on Website was raised, however as SMC pointed out, Minutes are already available to RTO's and Landlords. Landlords will subscribe to the Website and information will be available to them from that. The idea being to widen the knowledge of Regional Networks and the work they do. Reservations were expressed about Landlords being aware of ongoing discussions by Network members. Any Meeting can make the decision not to publish certain agenda items, to protect sensitive discussions. The idea and reason for the Flyer was explained, and also that in the absence of individual Newsletters it had been decide to pool skills to try and establish a National one to which each Region would contribute.</p>	

8	<p><u>HRA update</u></p> <p>Short update was given with the Chairs and Secretaries item</p>	
9	<p><u>New Rent Focus Group</u></p> <p>JuA spoke of the Swedish rent system. A Paper on this has been issued. The Group is using this as part of its research. Comment was made on the higher standard of living in Sweden, and although the report is impressive, are the costs and standards comparable? It was remembered that at Tenant Conference of a few years ago, Swedish delegates had been impressed with our building standards. The wide range of research and investigation being done by the Group with TPAS, will result in a Report which will be available to all members.</p>	

10 **Scottish Housing Charter Review**

This consultation is open and end date for Consultation is 9th September
A Meeting will be convened for a response from the Network, date set for 12th
August 2021 for this Meeting. It was noted that at Consultations already held
no huge changes were proposed. It was also reported that there was a low
turnout from Landlords at their sessions, although there had apparently been
previous comment that they found the Charter too restrictive. Indicators are
the issue Landlords appear to have, which are not part of this review.
Comment was made on Landlords taking advantage of Covid to delay their
Landlord report card to Tenants, and that this was not acceptable.

11 **AGM**

The discussion around the Constitution was well worthwhile, and some
anomalies were sorted out. The Chair thanked GM for his work on this. The
Chair also thanked all members for their hard work throughout the year

12 **AOCB**

JuA asked if the information she gathers from Region 4 for the SHR Liaison
Group meeting should be brought back to the Regional Network Meeting?
JuA felt that this information which was quite important should be available to
all Network members. It was agreed that it should be distributed.

The date of the next Meeting is 9th September

Future Meeting Dates

11th November 2021

20th January 2022

17th March 2022

28th April 2022

The AGM date is 21st May 2022

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