

**Approved Minute of North of Scotland Regional Network 1**  
**Meeting held on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10.00 a.m.**  
**via Zoom**

**Present:**

Colin Stewart	Chair	<b>CS</b>
Leonora Montgomery	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>LHM</b>
Steve Byrne	Committee Member	<b>SB</b>
Gerald Low	Committee Member	<b>GL</b>
Liz Richardson	Committee Member	<b>LR</b>
Tom O'Brien	Committee Member	<b>TO</b>

**In attendance:**

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

**Apologies:/Absent:**

Alasdair Mackenzie	Vice Chair	<b>Apologies</b>
Sue Macaleaney	Committee Member	<b>Apologies</b>
Cameron Grant	Committee Member	<b>Absent</b>
Derek Wilkie	Committee Member	<b>Absent</b>

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u></b>  CS welcomed all to the Meeting and Apologies were given as stated.  Declarations of Interest – CS gave his for being on the SHR Board.	<b>CS</b>  <b>CS</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Minute of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022</u></b>  This was proposed by GL and seconded by LR as an accurate record of the Meeting.	<b>CS</b>

	<p><b><u>Matters Arising –</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	ALL
3.	<p><b><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></b></p> <p>LHM advised that as there had been no expenditure during February and March the Balances at the Year End were - Bank Account – £1,651.40 Cr and Petty Cash - £16.33 Cr.</p>	LHM
4.	<p><b><u>Business Matters</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Website Update</b> – CS advised that as nothing has changed, the Communications Group asked him to forward a letter of complaint to Anne Cook re this situation. The new Company will only do updates so he will go back to Civic again re the Subscription Service as they have already been paid to carry out this work. Back ups also need to be done as the Website is not secure.</li> <li>• <b>Chairs and Secretaries Group Update</b> - LHM advised that the next Meeting will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and AM and DW are the next two on the Rota to attend. LHM will therefore email them both after this Meeting.</li> <li>• <b>SHR Liaison Group Update</b> – LHM stated the Pre-Agenda Meeting is next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup>) and requested all Landlord/Area/Region Updates by 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 as Meeting with SHR is on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at which CS and the other Tenant Board Member will be in attendance.</li> <li>• <b>Communications Group Report and Strategy</b> – CS advised that the Meeting took place last Wednesday which began with a lengthy discussion on the Website. Group also went through the Strategy making amendments where necessary from Sharon Donohoe’s (TIS) suggestions. One Section she quoted was not clear so CS to contact her regarding this and this will be the Final Draft. After Meeting CS forwarded this to Members of the Group for comments. Appendices now on separate Spread Sheets containing the confidential information so any amendments to this should be forwarded to CS. GL to receive a paper copy of these but they are not for sharing with anyone outwith Committee. CS asked SM re this continuing to sit on his One Drive and not the Scottish Government’s and SM advised that this was fine meantime, if any change, she will let him know. Both the Newsletter and Trifold Leaflet are at the Printers and will be out before the AGM’s. Next Meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.</li> <li>• <b>Rent Focus Group Report</b> – CS advised that they had spent over 2 hours going through the New Deal for Tenants Draft Strategy with Lesley Baird (TPAS). Next Meeting is on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 when they will be working on the Questionnaires for both Tenants and Landlords.</li> <li>• <b>HRA Group Update</b> – No Meeting has taken place and no updates so far.</li> <li>• <b>Housing 2040 Group Update</b> – The initial Meeting of this Group took place virtually and all future Meetings will be virtual and open to all from the Social Sector and they will speak to other Organisations to have their involvement going forward. Ideas for the Group were</li> </ul>	<p>CS</p> <p>LHM</p> <p>LHM</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>GL</p>

	<p>requested and question was asked if the Protected Characteristics were correct. New Panel will be separate and they are to ask the SHR how they communicate with their non-digital Panel members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Deal for Tenants – Draft Strategy Consultation Feedback</b> – All agreed that this went well although rather lengthy at over 2 hours and we did not answer all Questions.</li> <li>• <b>Question and Answers with Cabinet Secretary</b> – CS and SB attended this and felt it was a good Meeting with both Shona Robinson and Patrick Harvie being very engaging, nice to talk to and interested in what the Group had to say. Questions were on – HRA; Energy Costs; Storm Damage – Gas; Fuel Bill Support; Housing for Varying Needs; Broadband Connectivity in Scotland; Housing Ukrainian Refugees in Scotland; Demolition of Houses to Build New Ones. We await receipt of the Minute to see their answers in full. Meetings are to be 2-3 times per year and CS stated that Questions need to be right by looking at the timing of what is taking place at that time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>CS</b></p>
5.	<p><b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AGM</b> – All had received the Nomination Papers and Booking Form from TPAS. TO again stated that he did not know how he was going to re-apply as his Group had not met, been contacted by Angus Council or the TP Officer. TO did state that the latter had been off sick so SM will try and contact her again for an update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; CS stated that immediately following the conclusion of the AGM a short Committee Meeting would take place to Elect the Office Bearers' and to set a date for our first Meeting of the new Committee.</li> <li>&gt; We might have a possible three new Members, one from Moray and two from Orkney.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>LHM</b> advised that she had received a letter from a Resident of Aberdeen City Council regarding two parts of our Constitution and one on our Expenses Policy for AGM's. After LHM discussed this with CS, CS sent a reply, as Chair, answering all the points raised in full.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SM</b></p> <p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>LHM/CS</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting –</b></p> <p><b>AGM – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 11.00 a.m. via Zoom.</b></p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>