

APPROVED MINUTES



Tenants Together Meeting held on Wednesday 1 April 2026 at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom

Meeting Chair – Shona Gorman

Name	Initials	Position	Local Authority Area
Present:			
Colin Stewart	CS	Chair	Aberdeen City
Shona Gorman	SG	Vice-Chair	Falkirk
Anne Cameron	AC	Committee Member	South Ayrshire
John Duffy	JD	Committee Member	North Lanarkshire
Liz McKnockiter	LMcK	Committee Member	Moray
Margaret Dymond	MD	Committee Member	Renfrewshire
Sarah-Jane Dunbar	SJD	Committee Member	Stirling
Scott MacLeod	SMAcL	Committee Member	Highlands

In attendance:			
Carolynne Watson	CW	Tenant Priorities Team	Scottish Government
Michael Boal	MB	Tenant Priorities Team	Scottish Government
Ewan Steed	ES	Observer	North Ayrshire

Apologies:			
Bev Davenport	BD	Committee Member	Moray
Gordon Saunders	GS	Treasurer	Scottish Borders
Margaret Anderson	MA	Committee Member	South Ayrshire
Margaret Graham	MG	Committee Member	Scottish Borders
Ruth Fraser	RF	Committee Member	Aberdeenshire
Willie Derrick	WD	Committee Member	Stirling

Absent:			
June Anderson	JA	Co-optee	Clackmannanshire
Kath Fennell	KF	Committee Member	Orkney
Lewis McGill	LMcG	Committee Member	Aberdeen City
Lisa Clayton	LC	Committee Member	Fife
Lors Robinson-Moseley	LR-M	Committee Member	West Lothian
Teresa Gallagher	TG	Committee Member	Glasgow City

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	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
1	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of interest</p> <p>SG welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting apologies as above.</p> <p>Under Declarations of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS noted his role on the Board of the Scottish Housing Regulator and TIS; • MD noted her role on the Board of TPAS; • SG noted her role on the Board of the Link Group; • SMacL noted his role on the Board of Albyn Housing Society. <p>MB, Scottish Government, joined the meeting and updated on his new role as Social Housing Services Team Leader. MB highlighted the Scottish Government team's commitment to supporting Tenant Scotland's growth and membership recruitment, and noted that he is looking forward to working with Tenants Together going forward. CW will continue to support TTS, and MB also highlighted the additional support that can be offered by TIS and TPAS.</p>	
2	<p>Business Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Previous minutes</u>: Previously approved. • <u>Matters Arising</u>: There are no Matters Arising which are not included on the agenda for today's meeting. • <u>Treasurer's report</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Balance 01 Feb - £3836.73 Income – Interest £4.98 Expenditure - £3,744.13 Closing Balance – 31 March - £97.58 <p>Breakdown of Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodation - £1,141.41 Basecamp - £80 Conference - £1810.80 Indemnity Insurance - £193.85 Meals - £115.30 Mileage – 174.30 Taxis - £83.60 Trains - £111.40 Website - £33.47 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW noted that she has been in contact with Finance colleagues to discuss the move to grant funding, and the potential options available to fund the TTS account in the meantime given the current low balance. • <u>Correspondence</u>: SG highlighted a letter of resignation recently received from Alasdair MacKenzie, Western Isles, for personal and family reasons. The committee extended their thanks to Alasdair for his valuable contribution and hard work to tenant participation, locally and nationally. • <u>TTS updates</u>: CS updated on planned work with the website, to add a section for members and subscribers, with the aim of boosting traffic and communication between members and subscribers - including commenting and member interaction. In the next few weeks Colin will share log on links to the temporary url for committee members to test in advance of the launch. 	
<p>3</p>	<p>Subgroups</p> <p><u>Accessibility group</u>: CS updated on the Scottish Government's Housing Adaptations Advisory Group, which has now met twice, with the next meeting coming up later in April focusing on local operational working practices. CS will seek feedback on the themes from TTS members ahead of the meeting to ensure views can be captured and fed in to the session. CS updated on the remit and objective of the Scottish Government group - the first meeting was on funding, and the second on recycling and reusing aids and adaptations. CS will add a summary of the work to date on Basecamp.</p> <p><u>SHR Liaison group</u>: SG highlighted that no meeting with SHR has taken place since the last TTS meeting in April so no further update is currently available. The next meeting with SHR is scheduled for 28 April.</p> <p><u>Net Zero/ Decarbonisation</u>: SMac highlighted that the Changeworks group TTS have previously contributed to is now finished, with a final report and recommendations published. SMac also updated on Octopus's new energy scheme aimed at social housing landlords and tenants, which facilitates installation of energy efficient infrastructure in homes- allowing tenants to benefit from lower energy costs, with any additional income generated returned to the landlord. The committee agreed this scheme appears particularly interesting, and SMac agreed to add details of the scheme to Basecamp and to collate notes of any questions/ comments from members to share with Octopus. SMac will also add the Changeworks report to Basecamp.</p> <p><u>Rent Consultation & Lettings Standards projects</u>: CS updated on the projects, noting that the membership groups for both projects are now merged. The group have compiled landlord and tenant surveys for both projects and have now shared the drafts with TPAS who are supporting on this work, and will</p>	

	<p>launch the survey via their in-house survey software programme. CS will follow up with TPAS to progress this. The surveys will be shared alongside a letter pack for landlords which will also promote TTS and the recruitment drive. Work is ongoing to finalise the letter pack with the aim of issuing this in the next couple of weeks, with the survey remaining live during April and early May. Final reports will be produced on each project, with an estimated completion date for both during June.</p> <p><u>Social Media & Comms:</u> SMac highlighted that while social media planning is currently on hold, ideas for content and posts are still very welcome at this point to prepare for a launch in the future.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Agenda Standing items</p> <p><u>Working group representation:</u> SG noted that numbers on the working groups are currently low. Membership details are available on Basecamp and members are encouraged to review and consider whether they have interest in joining any of the working groups.</p> <p><u>Communications Strategy & Action Plan:</u> CS highlighted that with current capacity, it has not been possible to move on further with the Communications Strategy & Action Plan at this point. After the AGM, the committee will revisit this at the face-to-face meeting in August.</p> <p><u>Meeting with Cabinet Secretary:</u> The meeting that was scheduled for late March was cancelled due to the upcoming election. CS noted that very little feedback was received in response to the request for topics for that meeting, and asked committee members to consider any topics they may wish to raise with an incoming Minister or Cabinet Secretary for any potential meeting following the election.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Website and Basecamp</p> <p>CS demonstrated and updated on Basecamp 4 use, including uploading documents and effective use of message boards and committee chats, and highlighted that the TeamViewer app can be used to help support members via remote access.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The June TTS meeting will be rescheduled for 24 June, due to clashing events. CS updated on the possibility of implementing informal bi-monthly meetings from 10-11am, where committee attendees can drop in without formal agenda items.</p> <p>The AGM invitation paperwork will be sent out week beginning April 13th, with constitutional changes due by May 22nd, including a proposed reduction of standing down committee members from 5 to 3 annually.</p>	

	The next face-to-face meeting in August will be held the day after the SHR Liaison group meeting, both in Glasgow, with costs to be shared across both.	
7	Date of next meeting AGM – Sat 30 May 2026 @ 11am	

Date	13-Apr-26
Proposed	LMcK
Seconded	SD