

APPROVED MINUTES



Tenants Together

Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2026

at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom

Meeting Chair – Gordon Saunders

Name	Initials	Position	Local Authority Area
Present:			
Colin Stewart	CS	Chair	Aberdeen City
Gordon Saunders	GS	Treasurer	Scottish Borders
Scott MacLeod	SMacL	Committee Member	Highlands
Shona Gorman	SG	Vice-Chair	Falkirk
Anne Cameron	AC	Committee Member	South Ayrshire
Ewan Steed	ES	Committee Member	North Ayrshire
Jackie Budgen	JB	Committee Member	Highlands
John Duffy	JD	Committee Member	North Lanarkshire
Liz McKnockiter	LMcK	Committee Member	Moray
Margaret Dymond	MD	Committee Member	Renfrewshire
Margaretanne Browne	MAB	Committee Member	Stirling
Sarah-Jane Dunbar	SJD	Committee Member	Stirling
Suzanne Benson	SB	Committee Member	Glasgow

In attendance:			

Apologies:			
June Anderson	JA	Co-opted Committee Member	Clackmannanshire
Lors Robinson-Moseley	LR-M	Committee Member	West Lothian
Teresa Gallagher	TG	Committee Member	Glasgow City

Absent:			

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	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
1	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of interest GS welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting apologies as above. CS extended a warm welcome in particular to the new members of Tenants Together. Under Declarations of Interest: • CS noted his role on the Board of the Scottish Housing Regulator and TIS; • MD noted her role on the Board of TPAS; • GS noted his role on the Board of TIS; • SG noted her role on the Board of the Link Group; • SMacL noted his role on the Board of Albyn Housing Society.	
2	Business Matters • <u>Previous minutes</u>: Previously approved by LMck and SJD. • <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>: Opening Balance as at 1st April = £97.58 Income from 01 Apr to 31 May = £0.05p which is interest Expenditure from 01 Apr to 31 May = £97.12 which is broken down as Basecamp £40 per month and the renewal of the regionalnetworks.org domain of £16.67 Closing Balance as at 31 May 2026 was 51p GS confirmed that from the current financial year, TTS will move to a grant funding arrangement with Scottish Government, and CS is currently progressing this with the SG TP team. • <u>Correspondence</u>: CS highlighted the recent resignation of Bev Davenport from the TTS committee as she is no longer a social housing tenant, and Teresa Gallagher's request for a leave of absence which has been agreed. CS also noted that he, MD and SJD are working with the Scottish Government Citizens Panel on recycling. Communication is	

	ongoing with the team on this, and CS will continue to update members. • <u>TTS updates:</u> CS updated on the surveys which are currently live in relation to the Rent Affordability and Relet Standards projects. The overall response rate has so far been quite poor, and the deadline for completed responses has now been extended in hopes of boosting the number of submissions. CS noted that the subscriber and members area of the TTS website has now launched, and the Social Media and Comms groups will discuss promotion on this. • <u>In person meeting:</u> The upcoming in-person meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19th August. CS will post information on Basecamp to gauge requirements for accommodation. The SHR Liaison group will be meeting with SHR on Tuesday 18th August in Glasgow, and the intention is to share the costs of these meetings and to make attendance more convenient for members.	
3	Subgroups <u>Accessibility group:</u> CS updated on the Scottish Government's Housing Adaptations Advisory Group. A meeting was due to be held last week, however this was cancelled and will be rescheduled. CS noted that it will be important to get the TTS Accessibility working group up and running again, with a clear agenda and purpose for the group to be agreed. SG fed back on the workshop she and SMacL delivered at the recent TPAS conference, highlighting that a number of workshop attendees had shared their experiences and challenges around accessibility and agreed TTS consideration of accessibility issues will be timely at this point. SMacL echoed this, and agreed accessibility was a key theme of the most recent SFHA conference. It is clear this is a significant priority for tenants. CS highlighted that Scottish Government are currently undertaking work on adaptations, with a report due later this year. <u>SHR Liaison group:</u> SG updated on the most recent meeting with SHR on 28 April. The meeting began with an update on early findings from the Tenant Advisors' recent work on tenancy sustainment following homelessness. SHR gave an update on Engagement Plans and regulatory risk assessment and SG noted she gave an update on TTS activity over the last quarter. Liaison group members raised questions on damp and mould, SHR budget, tenant engagement, RSL finances, Charter indicators and the Local Government, Housing and Planning committee scrutiny of SHR. There was also some discussion on the recent Consumer Scotland report. The next meeting will be in Glasgow on 18 August, in-person. <u>Net Zero/ Decarbonisation:</u> SMac highlighted that the recent Changeworks report has been shared with SFHA. The next steps for the working group will be to resume with a meeting to discuss and agree a way forward, including the possibility of producing a concluding report.	

	<u>Rent Consultation & Lettings Standards projects:</u> CS updated on the projects, noting the poor response highlighted above. TIS also have a live survey on tenant participation, which issued around the same time, and may have had an impact on overall response levels. Views of the survey have been high, but completions have not matched this. The data from the surveys will be handed over to TPAS for developing of the final reports in conjunction with TTS. <u>Social Media & Comms:</u> The group has not met for some time, and the committee agreed a meeting should be scheduled soon. A date will be added to Basecamp to resume this work.	
4	Agenda Standing items <u>Working group representation:</u> GS asked members to consider if they are interested in joining any working groups. MAB has requested to join the Social Media and Communications groups, and will be added. CS outlined the working groups, and asked new members in particular to consider if they may be interested in joining a group. JB will also join the Social Media and Comms group, and the SHR Liaison group. <u>Meeting with Cabinet Secretary:</u> There has been no recent meeting with a Minister or Cabinet Secretary for Housing, and CS highlighted that he is hopeful a meeting can be arranged. <u>Strategy & Action Plan:</u> Due to capacity issues and changes in membership, the work on the Strategy & Action Plan has not been progressed further. The office bearers will be meeting to discuss this, and will consider the Strategy and progress to date in more detail in order to plan how to take this work forward. Taking the work forward however will require members to take a share of the workload. Further information will follow on this.	
5	Website and Basecamp CS noted that use of tech and confidence around use of virtual tools can vary across the committee and highlighted that support can be offered to members with questions or concerns via TeamViewer. Information is included on Basecamp for those who may welcome some further support. On the website, the members and subscribers' area has now launched. Information on the working groups will be included in this area of the website, and will facilitate wider communication between TTS, members and subscribers on particular topics. Any tenant or service user in social housing in Scotland can be a member; anyone can subscribe. CS encouraged anyone who has not yet signed up to do so.	

6	AOCB CS noted that all members will be required to agree to the Code of Conduct, which will be done via Basecamp, and asked members to note their agreement via the Basecamp thread which will follow.	
7	Date of next meeting Wednesday 19 August @ 10.30am. This meeting will be in-person, in Glasgow. Further information will follow.	

Date	dd-mmm-yy
Proposed	MAB
Seconded	SMacL