

Central Region Network Committee – 28 July, 2009

Minute Number: 12

Venue: Thistle House Edinburgh

Present:

Hugh McClung (Chair)	Stirling Tenants Assembly
Jack Hardman	Clackmannanshire T&R Federation
Therese Mullen	LOBS T&R Association
Danny Mullen	LOBS T&R Association
Susan Robertson	Delphwood T&R Association
Helen Forrest	Clackmannanshire T&R Federation
Moira Robertson	Strathfillan Housing Group
Helen Campbell	Paragon T&R Association
Jean Murray	Paragon T&R Association
Geoff Morgan	Breton & Corentin Court Residents Association

In Attendance: Anne Cook Scottish Government Tenant Priorities Team

Apologies:

May Barker	Chapelle Crescent Residents Association
Donald Budge	Stirling Tenants Assembly
Alex Lamb	Stirling Tenants assembly
Michael Boal	Scottish Government Tenant Priorities Team

Item	Subject Matter	Action
1.	Welcome Hugh welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated the last members meeting in Stirling had been very positive and thanked all for their contributions.	
2.	Minute of Previous Meeting	
2.1	Corrections	
a)	Helen asked that spelling of Mae Barker be corrected to May Barker.	
b)	Geoff asked that Breton & Corentin Court T&R Association be recorded as Breton & Corentin Court Residents Association.	Danny
2.2	With corrections duly noted the minute of the meeting held on 23 June was adopted as a true record on a motion by Helen Forrest and seconded by Moira Robertson.	
3.	Matters arising	
3.1	Visit to Scottish Parliament – Danny reported he had written to Fiona Hyslop MSP requesting an accompanied visit to Parliament sometime in September. Fiona has yet to reply.	Danny

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	<p>findings from this research project. The conclusions from the research influence what is to be included in the proposed Scottish Housing Charter if approved.</p> <p>Members agreed Therese should represent Central Regional Network at the meeting. Therese requested members' email her with their thoughts and contributions for the discussion.</p>	Therese
5.3	<p>Private Housing Issues – Danny drew members' attention to this new consultation document issued by the Scottish Government.</p>	All
5.4	<p>The Scottish Ambulance Service: Our Future Strategy – Moira informed members' about this consultation. The deadline for responding is extended to the 11 September. She encouraged members' to respond, especially regarding lack of coverage in rural areas.</p> <p>Moira requested members' to raise the consultation with their respective RTOs and ask them to respond. Additionally, Central Region should write Nicola Sturgeon asking why the consultation wasn't widely circulated. Agreed.</p>	All
5.5	<p>Digital Switchover – Members' were reminded of this ongoing programme and what it might mean for tenants and landlords reliant on communal aerials.</p>	Danny
5.6	<p>The Peoples Voice Newsletter – Danny gave positive feedback on responses to the latest edition. Falkirk Council TP officer had emailed expressing her thanks and stating she had distributed the newsletter to all RTOs and housing staff. West Lothian had also issued it to all their RTOs who had used it as the basis for formulating their responses to the Draft Housing (Scotland) Bill Consultation.</p>	
6. 6.1	<p>Draft Housing (Scotland) Bill: Response to Consultation</p> <p>Hugh led discussions on the consultation response. Each question was debated separately and a consensus arrived at. Danny requested to complete the consultation questionnaire and return prior to 14 August. Copies of the completed questionnaire attached as appendix 1.</p>	Danny
7.	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p>No other competent business raised</p> <p>.</p>	

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10.	Close of Meeting There being no other business Hugh closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to members for their contribution and attendance. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 August in Thistle House, Edinburgh at 11am	
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