

Minutes of the Glasgow and Eilean Siar Regional Network Meeting
Held on 22nd January 2009 at 10:00 am
at Highlander House, Waterloo St, Glasgow

Present:

Gerry Gillin	Sandyhills RA	Glasgow East
George McGuinness	Baillieston RA	Glasgow East
Greg Hine	Govan 'C' Residents association	Glasgow South
John Banks	Prince Albert Residents Group	Glasgow West
Kevin Paterson	Western Isles Residents Forum	Western Isles
Ann Marie Stanley	Tenants Rights and Participation	Scottish Government
Rena Dowling	Partick United Residents Group	Glasgow West

Apologies received :

Donald Urquhart	Ladywell & High Street TRA	Glasgow North
Ann Rooney	South Toryglen TA	Glasgow South
Barney MacKay	Cearns Residents Association	Western Isles
Jack McGuire	Eastpark Residents Association	Glasgow North

Item		Action
1.	<u>Welcome</u> Welcome from the chair	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Barney, Jack, Donald, Ann	
3.	<u>Equalities & Diversity Training</u> Delivered by Zandra Yeaman from PIAH Note: Presentation available for all members.	
3.	<u>Previous Minutes</u> Update to section 6 made Proposed: George, Gerry seconded.	
3.1	<u>Matters Arising</u>	

	None	
3.2	<u>Action Points Update</u> Completed on the action sheet	
4.3	<u>Web site update & committee members profile</u> Greg gave a brief update on the web design sub-group and asked for photographs from KP (these were sent before Christmas but not received) No set 'conic' picture has been chosen for Glasgow but the web designers are having a look. KP suggested the following names for the website: 9regions.org.uk Whereilive.org.uk GH will present these at the next RTO Web sub-group meeting. GH again raised the issue of budget for this project. If regions are expected to manage their regional sites then as agreed with the web group, two persons require equipment and connectivity to manage this role. Likewise the ability to create PDFs is also required. At no time has anyone acknowledged this overriding cost and need for training.	
5.	<u>Process & Protocol</u> 1. Process for gathering and including questions from RTOs at events, meetings and sounding boards Amend generic process flow to paper/questions. 2. Process for handling inbound communications 21 days response time agreed.	
6.	<u>Investing in Affordable Housing Consultation Paper</u> Paper copy sent out to every committee member and RTO. Responses by 17 th March, TIS & TPAS are having awareness sessions and days. Kevin has spoken to Barney who has expressed an interest in taking lead for the region.	

7.	<p><u>Firm Foundations update</u></p> <p>Update from AMS added to minutes No 5. Ongoing process</p> <p>There was also an update from Anne Cook (letter emailed 15th January re Regional Network event & Scottish Housing regulator.</p> <p>Re Housing Regulator, discussion paper sent out from Sounding board.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email from Laura Halliday 22nd December with covering letter regarding consultation on Time-Off entitlements and encouraging civil participation consultation, copies given out to committee by AMS. Kevin to deal with responses for this. 2. Email from Kevin 29th January attaching the Western Isles Forum chairpersons annual report 3. Email from Marian Deeney 9th January attaching dates, briefing letter, flyer from TPAS on 'Investing in Affordable Housing briefing sessions. 4. Email from Marian Deeney 9th January including notes of Sounding Board meeting on modernising social housing regulation held 30th September. 5. Hard copy of items 1 & 2 received from TR&P 10th January 6. Email from Lavinia Kilbride 16th January attaching an outline of the regional secretaries training day 12th February. 7. Letter received from TR&P 19th January regarding payment of expenses & return questionnaire 8. Email from Marian Deeney 20th January attaching docs re Freedom of Information extension 9. Draft programme for Western Isles Tenants Conference from Barney 	
9.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GM updated on GHA Federation:- GHA is now rebranding because of transfers. New set up for TP will be that the city will be divided into 4 regions N,S,E,W. George pointed out that Region had already sorted this out. 2. GM updated the committee on allocations: 3. CIH membership- Gerry Gillin to apply, AMS to send out membership form. Rena in reserve, possible that we may consider funding the second application. It was mentioned yesterday at Chair & Secretary's meeting whether we could have a group/corporate membership for the group. 4. Agreed that minutes of Western Isles Forum could be distributed to the committee. 	

	<p>Forum minutes (given by KP) and agreed the Region would feed back to the Forum via Barney Gerry.</p> <p>Allocations paper has been given out, as has Tenants Participation document. Sponsorship letter to businesses in W.Is has been sent out and a new Operations Manager for TP is starting in January. Various training is being offered to RTOs in region. Update from HHP that some development has slipped and some have been temporarily sidelined.</p> <p>TPAS conference was discussed and a report given saying that it was a good conference. National engagement and how Forum would engage with National network, it was agreed that where the WIs was represented on the regional committee that this would be the communication channel, otherwise communication would be direct to network.</p> <p>5. www.wiftra.org</p>	
10.	<p><u>Forward Meeting Schedule & agenda items</u></p> <p>5th March 2009 Highlander House Greg to use projector and screen again.</p>	