

Minutes of the Glasgow and Eilean Siar Regional Network Meeting
Held on 29th July 2009
at Highlander House, Glasgow

Present:

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	Tenant Priorities Team	Scottish Government
Rena Dowling	Partick United Residents Group	Glasgow West
Esther Thomson	North Cardonald TRA	Glasgow South
Lilian Woolfries	Banner Residents Association	Glasgow West
Marie O'Brien	Sandyhills Residents Association	Glasgow East

Apologies received:

Barney MacKay	Cearns Residents Association	Western Isles
George McGuinness	Baillieston RA	Glasgow East

Item		Action
1.	<u>Welcome</u> Kevin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Minute to reflect on the passing of Donald Urquhart, some members of the committee attended the funeral which was well attended and a touching tribute to his memory.	
3.	<u>Previous Minutes</u> Did we manage to obtain a copy of the DVD we viewed at the last meeting. AMS will see if this can be obtained. Proposed JB & Marie.	AMS
3.1	<u>Matters Arising</u> Draft housing bill, a reminder not to forget to respond individually and from groups. New form 'cover sheet' required. Responses from Kevin & Greg to go out by 31 st July. AMS mentioned the private sector consultation and advised that this section of the housing bill was out for consultation with responses by 27 th September. KP advised this was emailed out by Anne Cook. Set up a sub group to respond Greg, Kevin, George and AMS. JB response to housing bill and the ability to replace senior management. Discussion re section 17 took place.	
4	<u>Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 short précis</u> Communities Scotland Precis made available, and doc from Stirling Council	

	Care committee meeting. GH to copy. Judith McCulloch guide to tenant participation and the Act, also to be copied. Scottish Government Tenant participation guide on website.	
5	<p><u>Housing Bill 2009 Draft response</u></p> <p>Write to MSP re COSLA involvement, Greg Hine gave details of the responses received on the electronic survey as to whether the 'tag line' for the network should be changed. It was agreed that 'and the Scottish Government' should be added.</p> <p>Chair to write to Alex Neill & Nicola Sturgeon re COSLA.</p> <p>Template response re COSLA to all done by KP and circulated to the committee members.</p>	KP
6.	<p><u>Forward planner Trip to Western Isles</u></p> <p>Regards invitation to speak at the Highlands & Islands meeting 22-23 Sept, KP will accept.</p> <p>Indicative timetable - flying out 7:00am 22nd Sept, returning 4:30pm 24th September. Itinerary discussed.</p> <p>Flights were booked in advance and making the most of available cheap seats saving a total of £759 over the cost of block booking (this does not include the standard Carlson Wagon-lit charges). This was done through the committee and made use of the fact that various committee members were able to schedule their flights differently.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>22nd July Highlands & Islands Liaison group re invitation to attend meeting TPAS – study trip to Wales 7th Sept – 9th Sept – Not suitable for network to fund, more for registered landlords</p> <p>AMS – letter about tenants priorities meeting 12th 20th August. GH to go.</p> <p>Positive Action in Housing annual report, considered putting an advert in, Anne Cook has said this may be supported. Group agreed that a network advert rather than an individual region would be more appropriate for advert placement. KP to make up some graphics, £295 inc VAT. The annual report goes to every housing assoc and group etc. AMS to proof.</p>	KP
8.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>AMS to send GH list of contact details.</p> <p>AMS advised TP newsletter coming out including feedback on conference 12th May in Edinburgh. Only one feedback sheet from R9 although Greg did complete one also and believes GM was also completing a sheet.</p> <p>GH letter head & accounts form</p> <p>Logo results to AMS.</p> <p>KP to write to W Dumbartonshire re national engagement etc</p>	AMS GH KP
9.	<p><u>Forward Meeting Schedule</u></p> <p>Discuss Donald's replacement, can approach LHO for direct replacement, or federation as a short term as a co-opt.</p>	