



**BEEM REGIONAL NETWORK**  
Minutes of BEEM Meeting held on 30/08/2010  
At Thistle House, Edinburgh

**Attendance**

Jim Maryniak Eskview TRA. East Lothian (chair)  
Jeanette Boyd Windsor Park TRA. East Lothian  
Elaine Ferguson Midlothian Tenants Forum  
Lillias Reid Midlothian Tenants Forum  
Tina Beattie North Bughtlin TA Edinburgh  
Gerry Moss Waverley Tenants Organisation (v chair) Borders  
Peggy Ferguson Eildon Tenants Organisation, Borders  
Cathie McArthur East Lothian T&R Panel  
Sheila Rutherford McCallum Ratho Station RA Edinburgh  
Maureen Jarvis Edinburgh Tenants Federation

**Apologies**

Ellen Robertson Midlothian Tenants Forum

**In Attendance**

Michael Boal, Scottish Government

**Minutes** of 26/07/2010, approved by Tina Beattie and seconded by Lillias Reid.

**Matters arising**

The annual report is in the process of being dispatched.

The two remaining Borders reps have agreed that there should be an election to fill the vacant reps place and that nomination papers will be sent out to all Borders tenant groups as soon as possible.

**Updates**

**Newsletter** it has been agreed that the newsletter sub group will have full reign over the newsletter and it will be brought to the committee by email before final publication. The subgroup will continue to work on the diary page. The final draft will be emailed and posted to those who require this, by 10/09/2010. The distribution date for the newsletter is 18/09/2010.

The deadline for the next BEEM Newsletter is 17/01/2011.

**HRA Sub Group:** The HRA subgroup of the Chairpersons and Secretaries meeting have repeatedly tried to arrange a meeting about reviewing the Housing Revenue Account with COSLA, but have not yet received a date for this. The subgroup feels that COSLA is being obstructive in this matter. The subgroup will continue to pursue COSLA for a meeting, meanwhile the BEEM committee members have been asked to identify their own local authority COSLA reps so that we can approach them individually if necessary.

**Scottish Housing Charter Sounding Board:** Three reps from the Regional Network have been elected to the Housing Charter Sounding Board. They are;

Tina Beattie from Region 5

Vincent Heneghan Region 3

Jim Hendry from Region 6

The first meeting will be held on 2/9/2010 at Victoria Quay, Tina Beattie has asked for contributions from the committee before the meeting. She apologised for the short notice. She was only advised of meeting on 30/08/2010.

**Planned Events:** It has been agreed that BEEM will hold a meeting for tenant groups on or around 20/11/2010 to discuss and consult on the Scottish Housing Charter. Two venues have been suggested.

Michael Boal can find out if Thistle House is available although this would restrict the dates and times of the meeting. Maureen Jarvis will find out if the South Side Community Hall in South Clerk Street is available on Saturday 20/11/2010 because it was felt by the committee that more people would attend at a weekend. Meanwhile a subgroup has been formed to organise the tenants meeting and will meet on 28/9/2010 at Thistle House.

**Chairpersons Report:** The Chairpersons report has been amalgamated into the above minutes as most of it was discussing the Housing Revenue Account.

## **REGIONAL ROUNDUP JULY 2010**

### **NBTA**

Report received via email and distributed with previous minutes

### **Edinburgh Tenant Federation**

Report received via email and distributed with previous minutes

### **Almond Area and Ratho Station RA**

No report received

### **East Lothian Tenants Panel**

Hard copy of report distributed at meeting

### **Midlothian Tenants Forum**

Hard copy of report distributed at meeting

### **AOCB**

It has been agreed that the Scottish Governments' paper on Fresh Thinking, Fresh Ideas will be added to the agenda for the next BEEM committee meeting.

The treasurer has received the change of signatories form from her predecessor and will liaise with Michael Boal on going to the bank to make all necessary arrangements to take over the running of the committee bank account.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next BEEM committee meeting will be on 11/10/2010 at Thistle House, Edinburgh, from 12 noon until 3pm

APPROVED