

**Minutes of the Northern Lights Regional Committee held on
Thursday 6th May 2010 Johnstone House Aberdeen**

Present:

Eric Allan	Hazlehead Residents' Association	EA
Helen McPherson	Tenants Service Review Group - Sec	HM
Stanley Green	Thistle and Windmill Residents' Association	SG
Steven Christie	Bilbohall Estate Forum Moray	SC
Diana Foxcroft	FRANRA	DF

In Attendance - Richard (Van) Leiper, TPPT Aberdeenshire

Agenda for 6th May

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Matters arising from previous meeting
5. Members to be co-opted onto committee
6. Visit to Parliament
7. Stakeholders meeting
8. AGM
9. Committee event
10. Evictions from social rented properties - Consultation
11. AOCB
12. Date of next meeting

Item	Subject	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>EA welcomed those attending and thanked them for being able to attend the meeting.</p>	
2	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Susan McLellan, Heather Anderson, Gregor McAbery, Tom O'Brien and Linda McIntosh.</p>	
3	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes were checked for accuracy and as a true reflection of the meeting. The committee agreed that the minute was a true reflection and were accepted.</p> <p>Proposed – DF</p> <p>Seconded – SG</p>	
4	<p><u>Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>There were no items to be raised.</p>	
5.	<p><u>RTO Members to be Co-opted Onto Committee</u></p> <p>It was decided that as there were vacant places on the committee, members should be co-opted onto the committee. The nominations for the vacant places were:</p> <p>Richard Leiper, TPPT Aberdeenshire</p> <p>Nominate by – Stanley Green Seconded by – Diana Foxcroft</p> <p>Helen Milne, Spey Coast Forum, Moray</p> <p>Nominated by – Steven Christie Seconded by proxy – Heather Anderson</p> <p>Both nominees were formally accepted onto the committee.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Visit to the Scottish Parliament</u></p> <p>The members of the committee how were taking this opportunity to not only visit Parliament but to attend the Fist Minister's Question Time; were finalised and the names would be passed to Susan McLellan Later today.</p>	EA

7.	<p><u>Stakeholders Meeting</u></p> <p>The committee were informed that in order for the implications of the proposed Tenants' Charter; stakeholder meetings will be held over the August/September period in all regional areas. The meetings would cater for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of each RTO in the region • Elected Members of LAs • LA officials • RSL board and officials • Any other relevant stakeholders <p>The committee were further informed that an appropriate would be sourced in the Aberdeen area.</p>	
8.	<p><u>AGM</u></p> <p>The committee decided to hold the AGM on 26th June and a suitable venue identified and booked. The theme of the AGM would be The Tenants' Charter, three workshops would be held on this subject and it was agreed the ask TPAS for support. It was further decided to hold a meeting on 3rd June to finalise what would have to be in place to ensure the AGM was a success.</p>	EA
9.	<p><u>Regional Committee Event 18th May, Menzies Hotel, Glasgow</u></p> <p>The committee were informed that overnight accommodation had been booked for all those scheduled to attend. The Housing Bill, the Tenants' Charter and the Performance of the Networks would be the programme for the day, the presentations would given by:</p> <p>Keynote Address – Alex Neil MSP, Minister for Communities and Housing</p> <p>Housing Bill and Tenants Charter – William Fleming, Head of Tenants' Priorities Scottish Government</p> <p>Performance of Networks – Anne Cook, Manager of Tenants Priority Team</p>	
10.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>Two issues were raised under this item:</p> <p>Paper from Region 9 on restructuring the Chairs/Secretaries meeting. The feeling of the committee that this would require further discussion at the next meeting of the Chairs/Secretaries.</p> <p>Expenses of regional network committee members. The general feeling of the committee was that restructuring of the expenses</p>	EA

	would need to be fully discussed by regional committee members and Scot Gov.	
11.	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> The date was set for Thursday 3 rd may at 1.30 in Johnstone House.	