

Central Region Network Committee – 7 June 2011

Minute Number: 21

Venue: Highlander House, Glasgow

Present:

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| Hugh McClung (Chair) | Stirling Tenants Assembly |
| Therese Mullen | LOBS T&R Association |
| Danny Mullen | LOBS T&R Association |
| Susan Robertson | Clackmannanshire T&R Federation |
| Rae Christie | Clackmannanshire T&R Federation |
| Dolina Gemmell | Dunblane Tenants Organisation |
| June Anderson | Clackmannanshire T&R Federation |
| Geoff Morgan | Breton & Corentin Court Residents Association |
| Alex Lamb | Stirling Tenants Assembly |
| Helen Forrest | Clackmannanshire T&R Federation |

In Attendance: Ann Bailey Scottish Government

Apologies: Moira Robertson Strathfillan Housing Group
Jean Murray Paragon T&R Association

| Item | Subject | Actions | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome</p> <p>Hugh welcomed everyone to the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. He particularly welcomed 2 new committee members: June Anderson (Clackmannanshire) and Dollina Gemmell (Dunblane). Members introduced themselves to the new members.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | <p>Minute of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Minute of meeting held on 5th April 2011 was approved as a true record on a motion by Susan Robertson and seconded by Alex Lamb.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | <p>Matters arising from Minute</p> <p>3.1 Item 5.1 – Danny updated members in relation to Scottish Government’s decision to change the rules with regard to Housing Associations’ Stage 3 Adaptations. Following extensive opposition from the housing sector to the proposals, the government has decided to withdraw its intention to make Housing Association landlords responsible for the first £1000 of adaptation costs. Members welcomed the turn-around by the government.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | <p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Ann Bailey chaired the election process.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1883 1273 2007"> <thead> <tr> <th>Position</th> <th>Nominee</th> <th>Proposer</th> <th>Secunder</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Hugh McClung</td> <td>Helen Forrest</td> <td>Susan Robertson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chair (1)</td> <td>Helen Forrest</td> <td>Rae Christie</td> <td>Alex Lamb</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Position | Nominee | Proposer | Secunder | Chair | Hugh McClung | Helen Forrest | Susan Robertson | Vice Chair (1) | Helen Forrest | Rae Christie | Alex Lamb | |
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| | <p>Hugh resumed the chair and thanked members for their continued support. He paid tribute to retiring members and welcomed those newly elected members to their respective posts.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | Chair's Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.1 | <p>Hugh advised members he had recently addressed Sanctuary Housing Tenants Conference on the topic: Tenants views of the Scottish Housing Charter. Sanctuary Housing operates on a regional basis and manages homes in many cities. Sanctuary is currently establishing more homes in Cumbernauld.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.2 | <p>Hugh updated members re Tenant Priorities Team's ongoing support for the Regional Networks. The Tenant Priorities Team in tandem with other Government Departments has undergone staffing reductions. Some Regional Network Chairs' are concerned by these cuts in Support Staff at a time when not all Networks are sufficiently developed or operating effectively. Anne Cook has committed to continuing support for the Networks but is conscious that the Networks will require doing more themselves. In this regard Central Region is sufficiently developed and can continue to make positive progress.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.3 | <p>Hugh informed members that a provisional date in August has been agreed for the Networks Committee Event. The venue will be Atlantic Quay Conference Centre, Glasgow.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Secretary's Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6.1 | <p>Danny apologised for not submitting a response to the Scottish Government's Scottish Housing Charter Discussion Document. He advised the committee he had undergone emergency surgery and could not complete the response within the stated time.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Treasurer's Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7.1 | <p>Susan Robertson updated members on the current financial position. The bank account has a credit balance of £888.96 Members noted the report. Annual Audit has been carried out by Ann Bailey who paid tribute to Susan's book keeping and presentational skills.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Central Region Annual General meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.1 | <p>Hugh advised committee members that the event had gone extremely well with some interest shown by individual members from Falkirk re attending a future Committee Meeting.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. | Other Competent Business | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9.1 | <p>No other business raised by members.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. | Close of meeting and date of next meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>That being all the business the Chair closed the meeting. Next meeting to be held in Highlander House on Tuesday 2nd August at 11am.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |