

Central Region Network Committee – 2nd August 2011

Minute Number: 22

Venue: Highlander House, Glasgow

Present:

Hugh McClung (Chair)	Stirling Tenants Assembly
Danny Mullen	LOBS T&R Association
Rae Christie	Gaberston T&R Association
Geoff Morgan	Breton & Corentin Court Residents Association
Therese Mullen	LOBS T&R Association
Evelyn Whyte	Gaberston T&R Association
Dolina Gemmell	Dunblane Tenants Association

In Attendance: Ann Marie Stanley Scottish Government Tenant Priorities Team

Apologies:

Susan Robertson	Delphwood T&R Association
Jean Murray	Paragon T&R Association
Helen Forrest	Clackmannanshire T&R Federation
Moira Robertson	Strathfillan Housing Group
Alex Lamb	Stirling Tenants Assembly

Item		Actions
1.	Welcome and Apologies Hugh extended a warm welcome to Evelyn Whyte, attending her first committee meeting. He introduced other members and welcomed Ann Marie Stanley who was standing in for Susan McLelland.	
2. 2.1	Minute of Previous Meeting Rae Christie asked that the minute reflect that June Anderson had attended in the capacity of observer as Evelyn Whyte was elected as representative for Clackmannanshire. With Rae's point being accepted the minute of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 th June were approved on a motion by Therese Mullen seconded by Dollina Gemmell.	Danny
3. 3.1	Matters arising from minute There were no matters arising.	
4. 4.1	Chair's Report Hugh gave an oral report of the Chairs and Secretaries meeting held on 14 th June 2011. The meeting had been addressed by Michael Cameron and Simon Little re the Scottish Housing Regulator's (SHR) progress towards the introduction of the new regulatory system in April 2012. Michael advised the new board had agreed to launch its consultation on the 1 st September. The consultation would outline the broad range of powers available to the SHR and would run for three months and end on 24 th November. The SHR would hold a series of roadshows and would be separate from those being held by the Scottish Government on the	

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4.2	<p>Scottish Housing Charter. The focus of the SHR consultation would be centred on Outcomes with possible benchmarking to set the goals. Individual members had the opportunity to raise questions with Michael and Simon and all in all the exchanges had been positive.</p> <p>Hugh advised members he had attended the Tenant Information Service (TIS) annual conference on the 18th June. He had been invited to sit as the tenant representative on a Question Time Panel chaired by BBC broadcaster Brian Taylor. This experience had proved very rewarding with the mix of contributions from the floor and the variety of probing questions put to the panellists.</p>	
4.3	<p>Hugh also advised members that the Scottish Government was arranging a series of events re the Charter consultation and that one of these events would be held in Stirling on possibly the 4th or 5th of October. The Scottish Government had also asked TIS and TPAS to hold separate events with hard to reach and excluded groups.</p>	
5.	Treasurer's Report	
5.1	<p>Susan Robertson had requested Rae Christie present the report in her absence. The bank balance currently stands at £769.03. Members noted the financial update and thanked both Susan and Rae for the report.</p>	
6.	Network National Event	
6.1	<p>Ann Marie Stanley updated members on the preparations for the event. The keynote speakers are to be Keith Brown Minister for Housing and Transport, Anne Cook Scottish Government and Kay Blair (Chair) Scottish Housing Regulator. Opportunities for members to discuss the Housing Charter would feature in 2 workshop sessions. Kevin Patterson (R9) was coordinating the questions to be put to both Keith Brown and Kay Blair. In this respect Ann Marie asked members to consider what questions Central Region would ask. Therese wanted a question asked on the poor state of public transport in Scotland and what the Minister proposed doing about it. Hugh was sure that a question regarding HRA concerns would feature prominently. Region 2 had already indicated they would be pressing for answers in respect to the absence of any common level of charges for Housing Support.</p>	
7.	Regional Networks Website	
7.1	<p>Hugh advised members that the names of individual Region website administrators be submitted for updating and identification of training.</p>	
8.	Central Region Newsletter	
8.1	<p>Hugh asked members to consider publishing another issue of our newsletter. Danny agreed to coordinate articles and ideas members wished to contribute and report back at next meeting.</p>	Danny
9.	Close of meeting and date of next meeting	
9.1	<p>That being all the business the Chair closed the meeting. Next meeting would be held in Glasgow on Thursday 13th October 2011 at 11am.</p>	