

Meeting Number 18

Minutes of the Glasgow and Eilean Siar Regional Network Meeting Held on 24th March 2011 at Highlander House Glasgow

Present:

Kevin Paterson	Western Isles Residents Forum	Western Isles	KP
Margaret Fawcett	Ladywell & High Street TARA	Glasgow North	MF
George McGuinness	Baillieston RA	Glasgow East	GM
Lilian Woolfries	Banner Residents Association	Glasgow North	LW
Rose Marie O'Brien	Sandyhills RA	Glasgow East	RMO
John Goldie	Penilee Tenants & Residents Assoc.,	Glasgow North	JG
Ann Marie Stanley	Tenant Priorities Team	Scottish Government	AMS

Apologies received:

Barney MacKay	Cearns Residents Association	Western Isles	BM
Rena Dowling	Partick United Residents Group	Glasgow West	RD
John Banks	Prince Albert Residents Group	Glasgow West	JB
Greg Hines	Govan 'C' Residents Association	Glasgow South	GH

Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>Kevin opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Previous Minutes of the 18th November 2010</u></p> <p>Proposed: George McGuinness MBE Seconded: John Goldie</p>	
3	<p><u>Matters Arising from the 18th November 2010.</u></p> <p>Lilian to provide a précis for the committee on the Disability Scotland Access to Housing document.</p> <p>Kevin advised that John Maciver has been appointed the Director of Operations at HHP.</p> <p>This committee was not able to nominate a representative onto TRAG as no tenant was available to take up this position.</p> <p><u>Meeting on the 20th January 2011.</u></p> <p>Meeting on the 20th January 2011 did not meet the quorum and minutes not taken, KP to ask GH to do a note to the discussions at the meeting.</p>	KP

<p>4</p>	<p><u>AGM</u></p> <p>AGM to be held on the 19th May 2011 in the GHA training suite.</p> <p>Booking forms to be sent out and with a return date back by 5th May.</p> <p>The committee had a lengthy discussion on the constitution and agreed that it should be amended to better reflect the representation now of RTOs across both local authority areas. This will initially be done through not replacing those committee members who have stood down this year. The committee propose that the changes will be put in place next year and will discuss this at the AGM; the committee believe it best to do away with the Glasgow geographical divides of North/South/East/West.</p> <p><u>Elections to the Committee</u></p> <p>If the amendments to the constitution are agreed at the AGM, there are 4 vacancies available on the committee with 3 vacancies for Glasgow and 1 place for Eilean Siar, RD's resignation has been accepted and her place will not be filled.</p> <p>Those RTOs unable to put forward a nomination as your representative does not require to stand down in accordance with the constitution are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIFTRA • Penilee Tenants and Residents Association • Baillieston Residents Association • Banner Residents Association • Ladywell and Highstreet Residents Association <p>People to stand down are GH, ROB and BM.</p> <p>The committee agreed that JB to get special leave from committee duties at present. RD has handed in resignation which the committee has accepted and Rena to be asked to submit in writing.</p> <p>Cards to be sent to JB and RD.</p> <p>LW highlighted that many groups are finding it difficult to attract members out to meetings as they sent out 400 notes for meeting and got 15 only attending and that many RTO's are going to wall.</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>AMS</p> <p>RMO.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Secretary's report</u></p> <p>Greg had submitted his apologies and this was not available.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Treasurers report</u></p> <p>The committee agreed that Kevin should contact John regarding this at a later date.</p>	

8.	<p><u>Charter update</u></p> <p>JG has to be emailed by 25th April 2011 for their contributions to the Charter discussion document; John will then circulate a draft response for comment.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Glasgow Federation</u></p> <p>George gave an update on the current work bring progressed by the Federation.</p>	
10	<p>It was with deep sorrow that Kevin informed the committee of the passing of Eric Allan, a long standing supporter of the regional networks who had a vast depth of knowledge and understanding of housing policy. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Forward Meeting Schedule</u> <u>AGM 19th May 2011</u></p> <p>Further meetings to be discussed at that date.</p>	