

MINUTES OF THE

Region 9 AGM.

GHA, 31 Stockwell Street, Glasgow, on 19 May 2011

PRESENT

Details of those present are noted in Appendix 1.

APOLOGIES

Were received from:

Name	Organisation
Susan Brown	Anniesland Court Residents Association Archerhill Mini Multis Residents Association Arden Tenants Association Auldhouse Tenants and Residents Association Balornock (East) Swedish Timber Tenants and Residents Association Batson Street Block Tenants and Residents Carmunnock Tenants Association Eastpark Residents Association Harriet Court Residents Committee Keal Residents Association
Margaret Fawcett	Ladywell and High Street Tenants and Residents Lambhill Action Group Riddrie Tenants and Residents Organisation
Nessie Dunn	Robroyston Residents Association
Violet McKinley	Townheads Tenants Association
Greg Hine	Govan 'C' Residents Association Foamslags Tenants and Residents

It was noted that the meeting was quorate as there were 16 RTOs represented of the 68 RTOs in the area (10 are required), and 23 members attending.

1. Welcome.

Kevin Paterson made an introduction and welcomed everyone to the event. He gave an introduction to national engagement its background and some of the highlights from the past year.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

There were no matters arising from the 2010 AGM.

3. Correspondence

No correspondence.

4. Treasurers Report.

Treasurer John Banks is on a leave of absence due to ill health. The accounts are up to date and an update of the accounts will be given at the next meeting.

5. The Constitution.

Ann Marie advised that the committee were proposing the following amendments to the constitution. She explained the previous situation then explained the proposal.

Proposal one

The first proposal was to change the numbers of the committee from 8 to 6 from Glasgow and 2 to 1 from the Western Isles.

There was an objection about removing the geographical boundaries within the Glasgow area. Another comment about the potential for over representation from a particular area with the Govan area being used as an example of how this could potentially happen.

Explanation that this has been proposed due to falling numbers and if someone wanted to be involved but there were overrepresented from an area but there was a vacancy from another part of Glasgow then the constitution would prohibit this appointment. It was suggested a caveat is included with representing North, South, East and West. The members agreed to:

- reduce the quorum to 5,
- in the first instance appoint members eligible to be nominated onto the committee maintaining the geographical boundaries within Glasgow of North, South, East and West, and
- then allow members to be nominated from within Glasgow to fill the vacancy

It went to a vote: The 2 Western Isles groups did not vote at this time.

- 12 for
- 2 against

Proposal 2

It was agreed to special leave for John Banks.

Proposal 3

From 2012 reducing the number of Glasgow to 5 and Western Isles to 1. This would be in line with the number of RTOs as the numbers have fallen within both areas.

There was a discussion about reducing the quorate and the impact of not being quorate. There were concerns about being loss views.

There was a suggestion about having substitute members. There were concerns about complications about this.

- 4 For
- 8 Against
- 2 Abstain

Reducing the numbers from the Western Isles from 2 to 1 was rejected.

This proposal was rejected.

There were 5 Vacancies – 4 for Glasgow and one from the Western Isles.

Ann Marie read out the nominations

Calum Mackay withdrew his nomination and proposed Mark Joseph. This was seconded by Alastair Mackenzie.

Kevin Paterson and Mark Joseph will represent the Western Isles.

There are 8 places for Glasgow

- George McGuinness
- Lillian Woolfries
- John Goldie
- John Banks
- Margaret Fawcett
- Greg Hine
- Rose Marie O'Brien

Thomas Cassidy was proposed by Anne McCrindle and seconded by Cathie Vernal.

6. Presentation by Anne Cook, Regulation Policy and Tenant Empowerment Team Leader, Scottish Government on the Social Housing Charter

Anne gave a presentation about the Social Housing Charter which covered the background to the charter, the regions input in to the housing bill, challenges for the charter, the consultations which will be happening in the year ahead.

She gave the regional networks an A for effort and a B for the future. She added the credibility of the Regional Networks have increased dramatically within the Civil Service.

7. Presentation by John Maciver, Director of Operations, Hebridean Housing Partnership.

John gave a presentation explaining HHP have 2200 homes over 150 miles throughout the Western Isles. 60% are rural or very rural with most located in small groups of properties. He explained some of the challenges and opportunities they faced due to their location and the fragile economy. He also explained and their engagement with tenants and tenant groups.

8. Maureen Dowden, Assistant Director of Customer Engagement and Governance, Glasgow Housing Association (GHA).

Maureen gave a presentation about tenant involvement within GHA. In the early 1980s they had 180,000 properties and will shortly have approximately 50,000 properties. She gave more information about the second stage transfers and the factoring services they provide. She also explained their draft three year strategy, working with Schools in the Glasgow area covering a number of areas and their plans for digital inclusion. She explained the RTO federation supports 30 RTOs and provides grants and top up grants and the members are able to achieve accredited skills.

There were several questions about the digital inclusion project.

Kevin Paterson closed the meeting thanking everyone for attending.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28 June 2011 at 10:30, Atlantic Quay, 5 Broomielaw, Glasgow.

Appendix 1 – Attendees

Name	Organisation
Anne McCrindle	Archerhill Mini Multis Residents Association
George McGuiness	Baillieston Residents Association
Agnes Barclay	Baillieston Residents Association
Mary Price	Baillieston Residents Association
Lillian Woolfries	Banner Residents Association
John Wark	Banner Residents Association
Jesper Bach	Banner Residents Association
Barney Mackay	Cearns Community Association
Mark Joseph	Cearns Community Association
Maureen Dowden	Glasgow Housing Association
Isabel A'Hara	Glasgow Housing Association
Linda Hunter	Glasgow Housing Association
Alice Connelly	Govan 'C' Residents Association
Maureen Porter	Govan 'C' Residents Association
John Maciver	Hebridean Housing Partnership
Thomas Cassidy	Househillwood Tenants and Residents Assoc
Mrs M Fitzpatrick	Myrtleshaw Residents Association
Ms M Atkinson	Myrtleshaw Residents Association
Esther Thomson	North Cardonald Tenants and Residents
Margaret Burke	Partick United Residents Group
William Gavin	Partick United Residents Group
John Goldie	Penilee Tenants and Residents Association
Lucy Crouth	Sandyhills Residents Association
Rose Marie O'Brien	Sandyhills Residents Association
Anne Cook	Scottish Government
Ann Marie Stanley	Scottish Government
Heather Wilson	Scottish Government (Taking minutes)
Lisa Peebles	Scottish Housing Regulator
Margaret Biggam	South Toryglen Tenants Association
Cathie Vernal	Springboig Tenants and Residents Association
Gina Cameron	Springboig Tenants and Residents Association
Kevin Paterson	Western Isles Residents Forum
Alasdair Mackenzie	Western Isles Residents Forum
Alasdair MacMahon	Wyndford Residents Association
Claire McGowan	Wyndford Residents Association