

**Minutes of East Dunbartonshire and Lanarkshire Regional Networks
of Registered Tenant and Residents Associations
Region 8 Meeting No: 50
Date : 1st April 2015 at 10.00 hrs
Highlander House, 58 Waterloo Street, Glasgow**

In Attendance:

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Apologies:

Clive King	East Dunbartonshire
John Colquhoun	North Lanarkshire
Robert Lewis	South Lanarkshire

Agenda	Subject	Action
1. 1.1	<u>Welcome:</u> The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending	
2. 2.1	<u>Apologies:</u> Apologies were noted as indicated above	
3. 3.1	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> The minutes were proposed by Donna Murray and seconded by Jeanette Arneil	
4. 4.1	<u>Matters Arising:</u> There were no matters arising as the previous meeting had been held in conjunction with Region 9.	
5. 5.1	<u>Reports from Meetings/Conferences:</u> Report by the Secretary on the Planning Meeting held in Victoria Quay Edinburgh. This meeting was attended by all Regional Networks and facilitated by William Fleming, head of Housing Services Policy Unit.	
6. 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6 6.7	<u>Correspondence:</u> Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill passes HouseMark's HRA Business Plan Comparison tool Scottish Housing Regulator's update Private Rented Sector Reforms Enhanced Enforcement Areas (2) Gypsy/Traveller Issues Comment on Discretionary housing Payments	
7. 7.1	<u>Treasurers Report:</u> The Treasurer(John Duffy) provided a financial report. The funds are solvent No major expenses were incurred and the balance at the 31 st March 2015 is £1922.43	
8. 8.1	<u>Items for Newsletter:</u> At present there is no requirement for items.	

<p>9.</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>9.4</p> <p>9.5</p> <p>9.6</p>	<p><u>AOCB:</u></p> <p>As a result of the meeting held in Edinburgh as indicated in point <u>5 above</u> a number of questions was proposed by the Tenant Participation Team.</p> <p>The answers to these questions will be presented to MSP Alex. Neil and MSP Margaret Burgess.</p> <p>All Regions are required to reply at the meeting being held on 13th May 2015 in parliament</p> <p>The questions formulated are :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality of service that social landlords are delivering - including any feedback on the condition of social housing when it is allocated to new tenants. • The extent of tenant empowerment and opportunities that tenants have to influence their landlords. • Whether the introduction of the new Regulator and the Social Housing Charter are having a positive impact on services and tenant empowerment <p>Region 8 had an extensive discussion and formulated their opinions which were indicated to our Scottish Government Tenant Participation Manager of the Housing Services Policy Unit.</p> <p>Our statements will be included in the other regional networks comments and presented to the ministers.</p> <p>A discussion now ensued with regard to Region 8's forthcoming AGM.</p> <p>It was agreed that various speakers would be invited to give presentations on relevant subjects. The issues were agreed and subject to availability, which will be confirmed as soon as possible we will have the major concerns for tenants discussed. Susan suggested that a before the AGA a form of publicity was carried out in order to encourage maximum participation from tenants and residents.</p> <p>The proposed date of the AGM is either 22nd August or the 29th August 2015</p> <p>The current number of RTO in Region 8 is 87.</p> <p>The dates for region 8 forthcoming meetings are 27th May, 5th August, 30th September, 25th November 2015.</p>	
<p>10.</p> <p>10.1</p>	<p><u>Closure:</u></p> <p>All current business now having been concluded, the chair thanked everyone for his or her contributions and closed the meeting.</p>	
<p>11.</p> <p>11.1</p>	<p><u>Date of next meeting:</u></p> <p>27th May 2015 at 10.00 Hours (10 AM)</p> <p>Highlander House, 58 Waterloo Street</p> <p>Glasgow</p>	