

Minutes of East Dunbartonshire and Lanarkshire Regional Networks

of Registered Tenant and Residents Associations

Region 8 Meeting No: 53

Date : 30th September 2015 at 10.00 hrs

Highlander House, 58 Waterloo Street, Glasgow

In Attendance:

Name	Area/Department	Telephone
Peter Winnie	North Lanarkshire	01236 422757
John Duffy	North Lanarkshire	01501 820513
Irene Codona	North Lanarkshire	07817110214
Donna Murray	South Lanarkshire	01698 917503
Jeanette Arneil	South Lanarkshire	01555 840840
Robert Lewis	South Lanarkshire	07901540931
Jackie Taylor	South Lanarkshire	01698 317286
Susan McClellan	Scottish Government	0141 242 5437

Apologies:

John Colquhoun	North Lanarkshire
John Watters	North Lanarkshire
Clive King	East Dunbartonshire

Agenda	Subject	Action
<p>1. 1.1</p>	<p><u>Welcome:</u> As this meeting was convened in order to elect a new executive committee as well as conducting normal business an acting chairperson was required. Susan McLellan (Scottish Government) agreed to act in this capacity. The Acting Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The Acting Chairperson called for the incumbent Executive Committee to stand down and asked for nominations for the new committee.</p> <p><u>The election was as follows :-</u></p> <p><u>Nominations Received:</u></p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u> Nominated Jeanette Arneil Proposed Robert Lewis Seconded Donna Murray</p> <p><u>Vice Chairperson:</u> Nominated Donna Murray Proposed Jackie Taylor Seconded Robert Lewis</p> <p><u>Secretary:</u> Nominated Peter Winnie Proposed John Duffy Seconded Donna Murray</p> <p><u>Treasurer:</u> Nominated John Duffy Proposed Robert Lewis Seconded Irene Codona</p> <p>As no other nominations were received the above named persons were duly elected as the new Executive Committee.</p>	
<p>2. 2.1</p>	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Apologies were noted as indicated above</p>	

<p>3. 3.1</p>	<p><u>Previous Minutes:</u> The minutes were proposed by Robert Lewis and seconded by Donna Murray</p>	
<p>4. 4.1</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u> Housing Revenue Account (HRA). Peter suggested that he might have been a little over critical with regard to the course run by Scottish Housing Best Value (SHBVN). It may be advisable to await the outcome of the final report and see what is produced.</p>	
<p>5. 5.1 5.2</p>	<p><u>Reports from Meetings/Conferences:</u> Peter provided a written report on the discussion meeting held on the 22nd September 2015 with the Scottish Housing Regulator on the subject of appeals by landlords to the regulator. Michael Boal the Social Housing Charter & Regulation Manager also provided a written report. Donna Murray provided a verbal report on The Chartered Institute of Housing meeting she attended in Edinburgh. She was of the opinion that good information had been delivered.</p>	
<p>6. 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6 6.7</p>	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> A Fairer Scotland. The Scottish Government wants to hear the opinions and experiences of people who receive Universal Credit and/Housing Benefit. A Focus Group is to be set up and those wishing to join should meet on Monday 12 October 2015 at 10.00 hrs at Renfield St. Stephens Centre 260 Bath Street Glasgow The Scottish Regulator will publish their second report on landlord's reported Charter performance for 2014/2015. Code of practice for Letting Agents Newsletter training day, volunteer required, Jackie Taylor is a possibility. Council Tax and possible replacement (Local Income Tax). There are free events being held. Consultations relating to Tribunals. The next National Regional Network Event will be held in Glasgow on Tuesday, 8th March 2016. Venue to be confirmed.</p>	
<p>7. 7.1</p>	<p><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 30th September 2015 is £1500.23</p>	

<p>8. 8.1</p>	<p><u>Items for Newsletter:</u> Items have now been compiled and will be included in the next issue of the newsletter</p>	
<p>9. 9.1 9.2 9.3</p>	<p><u>AOCB:</u> A discussion ensued with regard to the current Work Plan. It was agreed that this would need an in depth analysis and therefore we required to carry over with this exercise to our next meeting. It was agreed in order to improve our communications procedures it would be beneficial if John could make North Lanarkshire Federation of Tenants and Residents aware of our minutes. At present South Lanarkshire does just that. As our web site requires updating, Jackie Taylor has agreed to assist with this exercise.</p>	
<p>10. 10.1</p>	<p><u>Closure:</u> All current business now having been concluded, the chair thanked everyone for his or her contributions and closed the meeting.</p>	
<p>11. 11.1</p>	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u> There will be a joint meeting with Regions:- <u>4 + 7 + 8 + 9</u> On Tuesday 27th October at 11.00 Hrs. (11 AM). The venue is Highlander House Glasgow The next meeting of Region 8 will be:- 25th November 2015 at 10.00 Hours (10 AM) Highlander House, 58 Waterloo Street Glasgow</p>	