



STIRLING TENANTS ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 16th AUGUST 2016
AT TRAVELLERS SITE STIRLING
AT 10.30AM

1.Present: Moira Robertson, Hugh McClung, Thomas Brown, Philomena McClung, Alec Lamb, Dolly Gemmell, Delia Waddell, Cathy Brown, Willie Derrick, Kirsty Hill STP

Apologies: Michael Griffiths, Richard Waddell, Anna Johnston, Duncan Faichney

2. Approval of minutes [19.7.16] and matters arising.

Proposed, Dolly Gemmell, Seconded Philomena McClung

Matters arising:

4 Chair's report – Hugh with Regional Network Chairpersons will meet with the new Housing Minister Kevin Steward MSP on October 5th, and will report back to STA at the October meeting.

7 The matter of confidentiality was clarified.

3. Heating in Off-Gas Properties

- Moira gave a presentation on the Heating in Off-Gas Properties, which will be given to HAG on Friday 19th August.
- Moira and Kirsty were commended on an excellent report.

4. Annual Return of the Charter Report

- Kirsty ask for our opinion on the design of the ARC to tenants and showed some proposed examples.
- The information will not be altered.
- Members liked circles and bar charts.
- The amount of rent collected should be next to the amount of rent due.
- It is important to keep the comparison between years.

5. Reports

Chair Hugh's report

- Hugh met with Violet Weir, Portfolio Holder, Housing to discuss HAG. Hugh had asked for 5 items to be on the August agenda and there are only 2 – the other 3 items were answered in personal emails to Hugh, [Hugh wanted the items discussed by everyone]. Hugh also said that there were too many verbal reports [7 out of 9]. Moira had also contacted HAG on the latter matter.
- The other items that Hugh wanted discussed were :-
 1. New legislation
 2. Private Tenancy Agreement

3. The effect of the new Housing Benefit rules for under 25s – is that being included in DHP

Secretary Philomena's report

None

Treasurer Dolly's report

- Balance after cheques cleared £14730.87

Housing Advisory Group [HAG]

- The Rent Consultation will be discussed at the HAG meeting on Friday 19th August. Hugh said that he cannot remember any agreement to increase the 'New Build including property purchase' from £2m to £2,055,000 and if it reverted to £2m it would almost clear the net cost pressures on £56k. Hugh will propose a nil rent increase to HAG.

Scottish Government

- National Housing Day Scotland is 19th September. The Action 26 group plan to use the day to support people in their choice of housing through improved public information messages.
It will be low-key this year but they are asking partners to communicate with their member organisation and individuals to join in this event to bring awareness of the date.

6. Agenda for October Meeting

- The Speaker will give an update on Community Safety following on from the presentation given earlier.
- Dunblane is having ASB problems at the moment.

7. STA Survey

- Kirsty and Hugh had a trial run of the project where STA members talk with tenants about their experience with the repair system. This went very well and it maybe that tenants were more relaxed talking to tenants than to officers.
- The Contact Centre will ask tenants if they will speak with STA tenants.
- 5 members volunteered to join the project.

8. AOCB

- On Friday 2nd September, Dolly will be at the Dunblane Office from 10am-2pm or 2-4pm to give information to tenants.
- It was agreed to purchase 2017 diaries for members. Let Phil know what size.
- It was proposed by Thomas Brown, seconded by Philomena McClung and agreed by all that Willie Derrick is co-opted onto the STA.
- Phil has been unable to contact anyone to book the halls at Cowie [18th October] and Hillpark Bannockburn [21st February 2017]. Willie will make the bookings. **Action Willie**

9. Next meeting

Tuesday 20th September in Victoria Halls, Dunblane at 10.30am

Abbreviations

AGM Annual General Meeting
ASB Anti-Social Behaviour
CC Community Council
CRN Central Regional Network
FV Forth Valley

HAG Housing Advisory Group
HRA Housing Revenue Account
LA Local authority
LAs Local authorities
LG Local Government
RN Regional Networks
RTO Registered Tenants Organisation
SC Stirling Council
SHG Strathfillan Housing Group
SHQS Scottish Housing Quality Standard
SG Scottish Government
STA Stirling Tenants Assembly
TLI Tenant Led Inspection
TP Tenant Participation
TPAS Tenant Participation Advisory Service