



**STIRLING TENANTS ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD IN VICTORIA HALLS, DUNBLANE,
ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 10.30am**

1. Present:

Dolly Gemmell, Anna Johnston, Hugh McClung, Philomena McClung, Thomas (Allan) Brown, Kathy Brown, Duncan Faichney, Alex Lamb, Moira Robertson, Willie Derrick.

Apologies:

Richard Waddell, Delia Waddell, Michael Griffiths, Kirsty Hill (TP Officer).

Hugh welcomed everyone to the meeting, and wished Anna best wishes on her recent 70th birthday. He also congratulated Moira and Kirsty for their presentation to the Housing Advisory Group on hard-to-heat properties.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 16th August 2016:

Acceptance of minutes was proposed by Willie, seconded by Dolly.

3. Business arising from Minutes:

- Item 6 – ASB in Dunblane – Dunblane Community Council had been told about the anti-social behaviour. There had been a follow-up meeting at the High School but this had not been well advertised and was not well attended. Dolly presented the Police Report from the meeting and advised that there is to be another meeting in December.

The speaker at the STA October meeting will be speaking on anti-social behaviour. It was agreed that Hugh will invite Police and Enforcement Officers to attend. **ACTION: HUGH**

- Item 8 – Dolly’s Visits to Dunblane Local Office – Dolly reported that these have been going well. She will be carrying on until end of October.
- Item 8 – Booking of Halls at Cowie and Hillpark – Willie has booked these.

4. Reports:

Chair

- Hugh had met with Carol Hamilton and Kirsty to discuss the National Housing Day. His profile had been on the National Housing Day site, along with photographs which had been submitted (www.scottishhousingday.co.uk). TPAS have also been involved.
- STA website is now live. Hugh requested that STA members notify office-bearers of anything going on in their community and this can be posted on site. Anna reported that she had been unable to access minutes of previous meetings – Willie had had the same problem. Hugh will check with Kirsty. **ACTION: HUGH**

Secretary

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer

- Balance on statement £14,850.29. Cheques have been issued, not yet cleared, which will leave a balance of £9,192.84.

Housing Advisory Group

- Philomena is now a member of Housing Advisory Group, representing Braehead.
- Training is to be held on Monday, 3rd October – venue to be confirmed.
- Hugh had queried whether there needed to be a rent increase – had been advised this was because of inflation, and that if there was no rent increase savings would have to be made elsewhere. Agreement was reached on an increase of 0.3%. Moira confirmed that tenant representatives who had been in attendance at the Housing Advisory Group meeting had been happy enough about the proposed increase.
- Hugh had been disappointed that items he had requested be added to the agenda had not been added. He had received responses but this was not what he had asked for.
- Once again it was raised that there were too many verbal reports. It was agreed that one or two would be acceptable, but no more than that.
- There is to be a rethink about how we are represented on Housing Advisory Group. There are not enough representatives from the rural areas.
- There was a report about the Capital Programme – more details will be forthcoming.
- Next Housing Advisory Group meeting is on Thursday, 13th October 2016.

Scottish Government

- There had been a Ministerial Statement about the National Housing Day.
- No meeting of Joint Housing Programme since the last one in June – next one will be held in October to discuss future steps.
- Hugh had received an e-mail thanking everyone for their help.
- Ministerial Meeting is on 5th October. How are they going to procure 50,000 new houses during their time in office. They do say that 30,000 of these will be for social housing.

5. General Business:

- Hugh and Philomena have been invited to a meeting in Clackmannan tomorrow, representing Central Regional Networks' point of view, to advise Clackmannan what to do next concerning using HRA funding for CAB. Permission was given for Hugh to take the STA laptop and projector to the meeting. Hugh and Philomena will report back to the next STA meeting. **ACTION: HUGH AND PHILOMENA**

6. Expenses for International Union of Tenants Delegates:

- Hugh asked for approval for expenses to be paid to the four STA delegates attending the International Union of Tenants in Glasgow in October. This was agreed and Dolly will attend to this. **ACTION: DOLLY**

7. Tenants Survey:

- We had asked if the facilitators at the Council's call centre could ask any tenant phoning for any reason if he/she would be willing to be contacted by STA. No response had been received, therefore progress is slow. Hugh had asked Kirsty to speak to Carol Hamilton and Hugh will speak to Kirsty when she returns from holiday. **ACTION: HUGH**

8. October Meeting Speakers:

- Community Safety Officer plus possibly Police and Enforcement Officer/s. It is scheduled to have rent consultation as well. Hugh asked if we wanted to have the rent consultation on the day of the October meeting, or have a separate meeting – it was decided to have the consultation on the same day.

9. Any other business:

- Willie asked if it would be possible for him to get a copy of the Council's Allocations Policy. He was advised to contact Alexa at Allan Water House.

10. Date of next meeting:

- Next meeting will be held on 18th October 2016 at 10.30am in Cowie Community Centre (Moira submitted her apologies in absence for that meeting).

Hugh closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.