



**STIRLING TENANTS ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD IN MAYFIELD CENTRE
ON 21st MARCH 2017 AT 10.30am**

1. Present:

Hugh McClung, Dolly Gemmell, Anna Johnston, Richard Waddell, Delia Waddell, Willie Derrick, Kenny McKenna, Alex Lamb, Michael Griffiths, Philomena McClung, Thomas (Allan) Brown, Kathy Brown, Tony Kelly (TPAS).

Apologies:

Moira Robertson, Duncan Faichney

Hugh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 21st February 2017:

Acceptance of minutes was proposed by Willie and seconded by Kenny.

3. Business arising:

- Page 1 (Up-to-date list of STA members' details) – Philomena will prepare this for next meeting.
- Page 2 (Kiswebs) – Dolly reported that Kiswebs account is now up to date.
- Page 2 (Banking arrangements) – Hugh had contacted the Financial Ombudsman who is looking into Hugh's complaint. Financial Ombudsman had contacted Hugh to say that Hugh had not stated how much compensation he was claiming. Hugh had made it clear that STA is a community group and that no compensation was required, just an efficient service. Ombudsman will get back to Hugh and he will report back to next meeting.
- Page 2 (AGM) – Philomena confirmed that Mayfield Centre has been booked for AGM.
- Page 2 (Study Trip to North Ayrshire Council) – Allan and Kathy advised that they would like to attend. Programme was circulated. Everyone to meet at Albert Halls at 9.30am on 29th March 2017.

4. Reports:

- Chairperson
None.
- Secretary
Philomena had received a brochure from TIS concerning their conference in June. It was agreed that, following usual procedure, no-one from STA will attend the conference.
- Treasurer
£13,257.05 – 1 outstanding cheque for £30.
Hugh had been using a trial version of Microsoft Publisher to prepare newsletter. Trial period has expired and it was agreed that Hugh should purchase full version of Publisher at a cost of £109.99.

5. Post of Treasurer:

- Hugh expressed regret that Dolly will be leaving the group from 3rd April as she will no

longer be a tenant of Stirling Council. He said a huge amount of thanks is due to Dolly for all the hard work she has done and for the efficient way she has done so. It is nearing the end of our financial year so Dolly will be able to close off the books up to that point.

- Michael nominated Kenny to take over as Treasurer, but Kenny did not feel able to accept.
- Philomena suggested Willie as new Treasurer, but Willie declined.
- Michael then suggested Allan, but he too declined.
- It was suggested, in Moira's absence, that she might be willing to act as Treasurer and someone could be appointed as Assistant Treasurer to carry out the "local" work – going to the Bank, paying members' travelling expenses, etc. Hugh/Philomena will contact Moira with this proposal.
- Dolly has the accounts for the last 5 years. These must be retained and she will pass them to Hugh in the meantime.

6. Budget 2017/2018:

- Hugh presented the proposed budget application for 2017/2018. With various minor adjustments Hugh was authorised to present this to Carol Hamilton at her meeting with STA office-bearers on 10th April.

7. Work Plan 2017/2018:

- Hugh presented the work plan for 2017/2018.
- Training is needed on tenant participation – for tenants and SC officers.
- Training will have to be done on the Housing Revenue Account.
- Bearing in mind that both Hugh and Philomena have said that they will be stepping down in 2018 training will have to be done in roles of office-bearers.
- Future topics for STA business meetings should include charter scrutiny, repairs, Housing Advisory Group, website maintenance, community safety – all of these are ongoing topics.
- Allocations review and rent consultation (October 2017) will also be topics for discussion and involvement.
- National Housing Day is to be held in September 2017. An information session will be held for tenants of the area. Hugh had suggested to Carol that the National Housing Day could incorporate some form of Fun Day. Carol is keen to advertise housing.

8. Annual General Meeting:

- 6th May 2017 in Mayfield Centre.
- It is hoped that Carol will be able to attend.
- It was suggested that someone from Scottish Government's Housing Team could be invited to speak.
- Also suggested that Alexa be invited to attend.
- Hugh asked that all STA members invite someone to come along to the Conference.
- Tony asked if schools, The Bridge, etc. had been invited to previous Conferences. Hugh confirmed this and advised that RSLs have also been invited in the past.
- Anna to contact Stirling Observer nearer the time.

9. TPAS Conference and Membership:

- Conference will be held at Fairmont Hotel, St Andrews from 3rd to 5th November 2017. Hugh will be attending and Kenny, Willie, Anna, Michael and Moira also expressed interest.
- TPAS Membership is remaining at £29 – it was agreed that this should be paid.
- Membership Plus is now available. This involves paying normal membership with the addition of training at £475 per day. This can be arranged as full days or half days. Hugh suggested that we pay for 2 days (or 4 half days) and this was agreed. It was stressed that when the training is arranged it will be compulsory for all STA members to attend.

10. Officers/Tenants Sessions:

- Previous sessions had been arranged by Kirsty and had been well-attended. Philomena, Willie and Anna had represented STA.
- Tony advised that the next session will be held on 19th April 2017 at Allan Water House.

11. Date of next meeting:

18th April 2017 at 10.30am in Mayfield Centre, St Ninians.

Hugh closed the meeting.