



**STIRLING TENANTS ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD IN CRIANLARICH VILLAGE HALL
ON 20th JUNE 2017 AT 10.30am**

1. Present:

Moira Robertson, Duncan Faichney, Hugh McClung, Anna Johnston, Richard Waddell, Delia Waddell, Willie Derrick, Alex Lamb, Philomena McClung, Thomas Allan Brown, Gregor Wightman (Stirling Council), Donna Campbell (Stirling Council), Margaret Anne Brown (Criarlarich Tenant), Catriona McKenna (Criarlarich Tenant).

Apologies:

Michael Griffiths, Kathy Brown, Kenny McKenna, Tony Kelly (TPAS)

Hugh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Gregor Wightman – Energy Efficiency:

Gregor (Property & Private Sector Housing Manager, Stirling Council) gave a presentation on Stirling Council's Journey in relation to Energy Efficiency. Copies of his presentation were circulated to all those present at the meeting.

Hugh thanked Gregor for his presentation.

3. Donna Campbell – Our Power:

Donna advised the meeting that Our Power is a relatively new energy company, established with a view to helping people who use pre-payment meters. Company supplies gas and electricity. It will give excellent service with excellent rates. Company will fit smart meters right at the start. Pay as you go top-ups will be able to be made over the 'phone. Company has an excellent web-site our-power.co.uk. Our Power has been dealing with void properties but has now opened up to anybody who wants to join them. A few properties have been rejected for varying reasons. Our Power is a not-for-profit organisation – any money made goes back to the Local Authority or Housing Association.

4. Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2017 were approved by Willie, seconded by Duncan.

5. Matters arising:

Page 2 – Financial Report – a) Signatories for Bank account are in process of being changed

b) Moira has been advised that the form concerning US Tax Status must be completed and

c) It was decided to make enquiries about the possibility of STA opening a Bank account with the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Page 3 – Item 12 – Philomena has prepared a rota for tea/coffee-making at meetings.

6. Chairperson's Report:

Hugh submitted a written report as follows:

- **Housing/Open Day** – Will be held on 9th September 2017. This will be further discussed later at today's meeting.

- **Review of Tenant Participation Strategy** – Sub-group had met with Gillian Findlay and discussed progress of TP Strategy. All is well basically, with a few adjustments to be made in respect of more representation on tenants forum. This will be further discussed later at today's meeting.
- **Annual Return on the Charter** – Meeting had been held with Gillian on 29th May. Details discussed included detailed analysis of repairs/satisfaction of service and other progress. This will be further discussed later at today's meeting.
- **Scottish Government** – Meeting of plenary session of Joint Housing Program Delivery Group is due to be held tomorrow.
- **Meeting with Housing Minister** – Hugh distributed a list of questions for submission to the Housing Minister.
- **Banking Arrangements** – This has been discussed earlier at this meeting.
- **Training Day 27th June 2017** – Training will be on Housing Revenue Account. Hugh needs to know numbers attending so that catering can be arranged. As many as possible should attend as this is part of the training which STA has paid for. Duncan has already submitted his apologies.

As well as the above report Hugh pointed out that the Local Development Plan for Cowie had included 380 new builds, but developer is looking to build 500. Local Authority, as planning authority, can get money from the developer but the contribution offered by the developer was not acceptable. Minister was not prepared to legislate – agreement should be between developer and Local Authority. This will be raised with the Minister again.

7. Treasurer's Report:

£10,565.84.

8. Annual Return on the Charter:

A lot of the returns have been delayed because of a problem at Regulator's office, and Local Authorities were given a 2-week grace period. At the meeting with Gillian all statistics had been discussed. SQHS is set up by Scottish Government – it was questioned why it is still continuing. We have passed the closing date of 2015. 70 homes do not meet the standard. Any additions to the 2015 figure should be starting from scratch – only counting the ones since 2015.

9. TP Strategy Sub-group:

Group had discussed Council's means of communicating with tenants. This has fallen down a bit, particularly since the Open Day "fell by the wayside". Targets have not been reached re. consultation with tenants.

10. Scottish Housing Day:

Open Day will be held on 9th September 2017 at Viewforth. It is planned that there will be information available from Stirling Council, exhibition re. solar panels, information re. energy-saving. There will also be fun activities for children (Hugh thanked Willie for his help in arranging this), a photo booth provided by TPAS. Council have agreed that we can have the Council Chambers and the 2 adjoining rooms. More details to follow.

11. Date of next meeting:

15th August 2017 – Kippen (Richard and Delia will arrange booking of hall and catering).