



**MEETING HELD IN CORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10.00 am**

Present:

Moira Robertson, Mags Hughes, Kathy Brown, Philomena McClung, Hugh McClung, Thomas Brown, Robert Cairney, Duncan Faichney, Anna Johnston, Alex Lamb, Delia Waddell

In attendance:

Leza Lafferty (Independent TP Officer)
Anna Gavienas (Intern, Stirling Council)

Apologies:

William Derrick

Prior to the commencement of business Hugh informed the meeting that Michael has tendered his resignation from the STA. This is due to health reasons and it was agreed that STA members should donate to purchase a memento for Michael in respect of his long service to the STA.

Mags indicated that if at any time the STA wished to publicise anything she would be happy to have this inserted in the CRAG newsletter.

Mags then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. Minutes of meeting held on 21st January 2020:** Acceptance was proposed by Hugh McClung and seconded by Thomas Brown.

- 2. Matters arising:**

Page 1 Item 2 – Leza reported that Fern (Youth Services) has apologised for not responding sooner, but has now passed the questions on to the young people.

Page 1 Item 2 – Visit to Kelly Court will take place on 11th March at 10.30 am. It may be that William will be unable to attend and Philomena offered to take his place.

Page 1 Item 2 – Moira has received confirmation that hall in Crianlarich has been booked for August meeting. Kippen still to be booked for June – Delia will do this.

Page 2 Item 7c – Regarding Moira's query at Housing Advisory Group about affordability being taken into account when rent-setting, Hugh has written to all Councillors asking them to take note of tenants' comments – to date only Evelyn Tweed has responded. It is in the Charter that affordability must be taken into

account. Hugh will be attending the Council meeting on 27th February re. rent and council tax increases

Page 3 Item 8 - Moira, Anna, Robert, Thomas and William had attended the Housing to 2040 consultation session on 5th February. Hugh and Philomena attended the Regional Networks consultation. Those members of STA who had attended consultations will meet on 12th March to formulate STA's completion of the questionnaire.

3. Chair's Report:

William not present.

4. Secretary's Report:

- Anna queried why Councillor Thomson, as Chair of the Environment and Housing Committee, is not an attendee at the Housing Advisory Group.
- She also reported that, as she and William have sat on several accreditation panels during the year, she (and William – who had been unable to attend) had been invited by TPAS to attend a meeting in Glasgow on 17th February. Northern Ireland's "equivalent of TPAS" are hoping to create an accreditation scheme similar to that operated by TPAS and two representatives from Northern Ireland were present. It had been an extremely interesting day.
- On behalf of the STA, Anna expressed thanks to Leza and Anna Gavienas for their work on the STA website. Great progress has been made.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Moira presented the current financial report – balance £6,313.13.
- £30 has been paid to Kiswebs.

6. TP Officer's Report:

- Leza has been working on Open Door. This will include an article about Duncan. Do STA want to put a newsletter in with the Open Door?
- Tenant Participation Strategy will be going back to Housing Advisory Group in April.
- E-mail from Gregor Wightman regarding the proposed sale of former Royal Bank of Scotland premises in Bannockburn. This was agreed and Leza will respond to Gregor.
- Leza suggested STA setting up a Twitter account. Anna maintains the Facebook page but expressed unwillingness to take on the responsibility of Twitter.
- Leza is going to a session this Friday in Edinburgh to discuss Housing Revenue Accounts.
- William and Anna will be attending the CIH Housing Festival in Edinburgh – William (if able) will be going on 3rd March and Anna on 4th March.
- Leza, William and Alexa had attended a Tenant Scrutiny event in February, hosted by Fife Council. It is hoped to continue these events and William had expressed hope that Stirling Council might host the next event. Gillian

Findlay has spoken to Craig Russell as catering and venue would be required. Craig has said he will get back to Gillian this week.

7. Tenant Led Inspection Report:

- Leza had prepared the Tenant Led Inspection Report which will be presented by Hugh at HAG in April. Hugh thanked Leza for the work she has put into the preparation of the report. The report was approved.

8. Regional Networks:

- Hugh reported that discussion on Housing to 2040 had taken up most of the Regional Networks meeting.
- Next meeting will be in April.
- Chairs and Secretaries meeting – Homeless issues need to be tackled. Glasgow is being lambasted over the situation there. Emphasised that more than bricks and mortar are required.

9. Any other competent business:

- Owing to Michael's resignation a replacement will need to be appointed to take Michael's place as an STA representative on HAG, along with Hugh. Philomena suggested Delia but, as Richard is still in hospital, this matter was left in abeyance at the moment.
- Budget – Moira has drafted a work plan for the coming year and she and Anna will be collaborating on this, as well as the application to Stirling Council for next year's budget. William, although hospitalised at the moment, will obviously be consulted.

10. Date of next meeting:

17th March 2020 at 10.00 am at the Mayfield Centre, St Ninians
PLEASE NOTE THAT MEETING IS NOT BEING HELD IN THE
VICTORIA HALLS, DUNBLANE, AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.