

NOTES OF MICROSOFT TEAMS ONLINE MEETING HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2020

Present: William Derrick, Moira Robertson, Hugh McClung, Robert Cairney, Anna Johnston, Philomena McClung

Leza Lafferty (Independent Tenant Participation Officer)

Apologies: Mags Hughes.

Unable to join: Alec Lamb, Thomas & Kathy Brown, Delia Waddell, Duncan Faichney,

Moira had indicated that she would need to leave the meeting early, so updated the meeting on a few points before she left:

1. Bank balance is £9,535.84.
2. Repairs meeting is due to be held on 27th October but it is unclear who will be sending out the invitations. Moira offered to liaise with Alexa to seek clarification.
3. From notes of the September meeting (page 2 – Hugh’s queries to Stirling Council regarding the HRA out-turn) – Moira had e-mailed Hugh with her clarification of some points,

William welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Notes of last meeting:

Anna had circulated notes from meeting on 15th September 2020 to everyone.

Notes from September meeting were accepted as a true record by Philomena and seconded by Hugh.

Matters arising from the notes:

Page 2 Code of Conduct – Code of Conduct is now completed and is on STA website.

Chair’s Report:

William expressed regret that Leza has left her post as Independent Tenant Participation Officer, although is pleased that she will now be employed by TPAS. Everyone agreed that Leza had done a great job for us and we are sorry to see her go. Lesley Baird, CEO of TPAS, has indicated that she will hopefully provide cover to work with us after Leza’s departure.

Secretary’s Report:

1. All e-mails received since last STA meeting have been forwarded by Anna to all members. This included the news that the TPAS Annual Conference will no longer be held at St Andrews from

27th to 29th January 2021. It is hoped that it will now be held in Dundee from 28th to 30th April 2020. Anna asked for confirmation that if the Conference does go ahead on these dates the STA members who'd indicated their intention of going to St Andrews would still be interested in going to Dundee. Everyone agreed they would and Anna will phone Delia to check with her.

Tenant Participation Officer's Report:

1. Leza thanked the STA for the time she has spent with us, and is glad that she is going to be working for TPAS.
2. Leza will provide a handover for Stirling Council and for whoever replaces her. She will let William and Anna have a copy of this.
3. Leza thanked STA for the flowers and card she had received from them,

Any other reports:

1. Hugh reported on a committee which had been set up by Scottish Government to discuss housing across Scotland. They have been discussing finance, poverty and other factors which affect communities. Hugh said it appears that the whole aspect is to discuss how housing can be bettered and the committee has been looking at issues surrounding housing.

A new board was set up on 9th June – talking about building on existing policy on housing 2020 - 2040 and how the board could feed in.

Target is 53,000 homes, of which 37,000 would be for social rent. This is not considered to be enough.

There is a long way to go and the group has been meeting weekly online.

Hugh will be presenting a report to the Housing Advisory Group on 30th October, Subject of the report will be Housing 2020 – 2040 Housing System Policy Circle. It will be submitted to HAG for information and discussion.

William thanked Hugh for his report and looks forward to hearing any outcomes.

Any other competent business:

1. William had been asked if Clackmannanshire Council had a TP Officer and had said that he would find out. Hugh clarified that Clackmannanshire does not have a TP Officer. They are attached to TIS, not TPAS, but do not have a designated officer assigned to them. Leza said that some people from Clackmannanshire had been attending the TPAS webinars.

The meeting closed with everyone expressing sincere best wishes to Leza in her new post. William thanked everyone for attending.

**Date of next meeting – 17th November 2020 at 10.00
(online via Microsoft Teams)**

As agreed at the September meeting, Anna has invited Steven McCabe, Stirling Council, to join us at our next meeting. This is to discuss the local letting initiative. Steven has agreed to attend.