



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN MAYFIELD CENTRE, ST. NINIANS,
ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10.00am**

Present:

William Derrick
Anna Johnston
Alexander Wallace
Hugh McClung
Sarah-Jane Dunbar
Robert Cairney

Apologies:

Margaretanne Browne
Moir Robertson
Mags Hughes

Non-attendance:

Duncan Faichney

In attendance:

Luke Scrivens (Independent Tenant Participation Officer)
Lyndsay Macnair (Covid Recovery Manager, Communities & Performance, Stirling Council)
Stephen Clark (Head of Housing, Stirling Council)

William thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Lyndsay Macnair and Stephen Clark to today's meeting to discuss The Big Conversation 2024/25.

Lyndsay advised that the budget process for 2024/25 has begun. Stirling Council has a £13M shortfall for the year and difficult decisions will have to be made. She circulated details to everyone showing how Stirling Council is funded, and what services Council provides.

In 2023/24 spending was as follows:-

	£M
Secondary School Education & Youth Services	41.310
Primary School Education	36.131
Additional Support Needs & Wellbeing (Education)	13.527
Early Years Education & Early Intervention	10.286
Balfron PFI & Stirling Schools PPP	19.380
Facilities Management	7.779
Health & Social Care for Adults	50.394
HRA Housing	23.276
General Fund Housing	2.317

Roads	7.404
Land	4.293
Fleet	0.205
Car Parking	0.161
Children & Families	11.795
Waste Collection & Disposal	10.259
Regeneration & Inclusive Growth	4.542
Community Wellbeing	3.160
Economic Development	1.013
Culture, Events & Tourism	0.755
Planning & Building Standards	0.603
Sustainable Transport	1.676
Climate Change & Sustainability	0.531
City Region Deal Delivery	0.247
Regulatory Services	2.263
Infrastructure Delivery	12.976
Professional support services – finance, etc.	9.189
Digital & information technology services	8.003
Organisational development, transformation & business planning	7.931
TOTAL COUNCIL BUDGET FOR RUNNING COSTS	295.016

Hugh said that although the STA's remit is housing, we do appreciate that other departments affect us. He wondered if a review is being done of all the service provision.

A general discussion took place and Lyndsay noted all comments. Those present agreed that there are difficult decisions to be made.

Lyndsay and Stephen left the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of meeting held on 16th August 2023 had been circulated and were approved by Hugh, seconded by Alex.

Business arising:

Page 3 Open Door – We need to be made aware of when the next Open Door will be circulated so that we can ensure we have an STA newsletter prepared for inclusion.

Page 3 Housing Advisory Group – Tenants who attend Housing Advisory Group had met with Anna Evans of Indigo House Group. Luke advised that a transcript of the meeting will be made available by Anna Evans as soon as possible. Hugh felt that the level of discussion had sounded somewhat as if in favor of the Council's views. The group had made it clear that there were opportunities at HAG for tenants to be heard.

Chair's Report:

1. William, Robert, and Anna had met at Viewforth with Steven McCabe and his Allocations Team to have a photograph taken with the Award from TPAS – the photograph should be in next issue of Open Door.

Secretary's Report:

1. Anna continues to forward e-mails she receives from TPAS etc. to all STA members.
2. She also maintains STA's Facebook page.
3. Stirling Council's Open Day will be held in the Albert Halls on 22nd September 2023. STA will be allocated a stall – information leaflets, questionnaires, etc.
4. E-mail received from Gregor Wightman regarding replacement property for leasing to Key Housing Association has been forwarded to all STA members for consideration. All agreed that Gregor should take the action proposed by him in his e-mail. Anna was authorized to advise Gregor of our decision.

Treasurer's Report:

Not available as Moira is not in attendance.

Independent TP Officer's Report:

1. Luke has delivered posters throughout the Council area to advise tenants about the Open Day.
2. He has been chatting with Tony Kelly about the role of TPAS with STA. It seems that if we ask Tony to do anything for us, we will be given an invoice. Tony has been asked to step back from the Repairs Group and from the Housing Advisory Group.
3. Luke will be minute taking at the Repairs Group.
4. Tenant led inspection – would we be interested in taking forward the damp and mould situation?

Housing Advisory Group Report:

1. Hugh expressed concern that there had been no discussion with STA or with tenant members of HAG prior to the appointment of Indigo House Group to undertake a review of HAG.
2. HRA Outturn – Hugh had asked a question about this – which of two figures was correct as there was a discrepancy? Hugh has still had no explanation and will raise this at the next HAG meeting.
3. Social housing development at Plean – tenant members had approved this as additional housing, but it was stated that we had “noted” it. Why can't it be stated that we approved, rather than noted? Hopefully this will be raised at the HAG review report.

Any other business:

1. Robert had raised a concern about anti-social behavior. Hugh said that the anti-social behavior team is non-existent, but Sarah-Jane advised that she has had a very recent connection with the team.
2. Reception at Allan Water House – William is continuing to deal with any proposal to dispense with the reception at Allan Water House.
3. Hugh reported that EDF had said that OFGEM had told them that costs would be going down. EDF and others are doing the same. We need to make representation to the Scottish Government.
4. Garden Maintenance Scheme – Hugh has been told there is a 2-year waiting list and he feels that we need to review this. He will take this on board.
5. Hugh complained that he had been annoyed to see a post of a political nature on the STA's Facebook page. Anna, as sole admin of the Facebook page, denied that she had ever posted

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anything which could be described in any way as political. Nobody else had seen anything of a political nature on the STA's Facebook page.

6. Hugh has submitted a Freedom of Information request regarding the cost of the Garden Competition held by the Council, how many tenants entered, etc.

There being no further business William closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next meeting:

18th October 2023 at 10.00am (venue to be confirmed)

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