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**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD IN MAYFIELD CENTRE**  
**ON 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 10.00am**

**Present:**

William Derrick  
Margaretanne Browne  
Anna Johnston  
Moirra Robertson  
Hugh McClung  
Sarah-Jane Dunbar  
Robert Cairney

**Apologies:**

Alexander Wallace

**Not present:**

Mags Hughes

**In attendance:**

Luke Scrivens (Independent Tenant Participation Officer)

William opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

**Minute of last meeting:**

Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 had been circulated and were approved by Margaretanne and seconded by Sarah-Jane.

**Business arising:**

Page 1 Chair's Report – Anna had forwarded a copy of the February 2024 meeting to Graham Slade who had been in attendance. She thanked him for attending and expressed hope that he might attend future meeting/s.

Page 3 Item 2 – Hugh had said there was a review going on concerning P H Jones. Apparently letters from P H Jones had gone astray, and the “red letter” which Hugh had received should not have been sent.

Page 3 Item 1 – Moira and Margaretanne had attended Killin Community Council meeting – unfortunately there were no Council tenants present. Moira had updated the Community Council about the void properties in the area. Killin CC are putting information about STA in the Killin News. Moira had distributed copies of the STA leaflet.

Page 3 Item 3 – Luke had attended the Café-Style Community Engagement event at the Boys Club on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately no Council tenants were present.

### **Chair's Report:**

1. William expressed disappointment that at the February meeting there had been a lot of individual conversations going on.
2. William, Moira and Anna had met with Gillian to present and discuss the work plan and budget application. Moira will follow this up.
3. William, Sarah-Jane, Luke and Anna had attended a meeting of Cambusbarron Community Council. No Council tenants present. Anna left STA leaflets with Sarah-Jane for distribution in the community. Moira suggested the possibility of having an STA meeting at Cambusbarron Community Centre in the future months.

### **Secretary's Report:**

1. Anna reported that she has attended two webinars hosted by TPAS.
2. Care Inspectorate had made an unannounced visit to Council's Housing Support Service. Inspector had phoned Anna and William. Unfortunately William missed the call but Anna had spoken to the Inspector – basically answered the questions which the Inspector had asked. Report will be on Care Inspectorate's website when available.
3. Council's new Housing Online system should soon be up-and-running. This will enable tenants to communicate with different services online – including applications for housing, repairs, etc. For those without internet access the telephone system will remain in place.
4. Kiswebs have not yet replied to Anna re. training on STA website.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

1. £7,774.69.
2. With reference to our budget application Hugh said that Stirling Council has been generous in previous years and, although he understands the situation re. budget cuts, he wonders if we should remind Stirling Council that tenant participation is at the forefront of Scottish Government policy.
3. Moira had sent all STA members an e-mail on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 advising that at the last Housing Advisory Group the convener had disallowed too many questions brought up by tenants. In the past we have always been able to bring up things that were going on in our communities, even if not directly related to housing. We have understood that housing cannot be isolated as so many other things are influenced by it, including the state of the community, mental and physical health, poverty etc. The comments made at HAG are supposed to be fed into the Community, Health and Housing Committee. Anna said the next meeting of the HAG Review Group is due to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and this will be brought up then.
4. Anna expressed thanks to Moira.

### **Independent TP Officer's Report:**

1. As reported earlier, Luke had attended the Café-Style Community Engagement event at the Boys Club on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately no Council tenants in attendance.
2. As also reported earlier, Luke, William, Sarah-Jane and Anna had attended a Cambusbarron Community Council meeting.
3. Luke had been compiling Tenants' Newsletter – this will include details of the STA Conference and AGM.
4. Luke conveyed thanks to Anna from Alison McMaster for her communication with the inspector from Care Inspectorate.
5. Luke is keeping an eye on the situation with Council libraries.

**Any other business:**

1. Hugh had refused permission for City Fiber to install a junction box on the outside wall of the property where Hugh lives. Hugh had been led to believe that permission for the installation had been given by Gregor Wightman and this had resulted in Hugh making an official complaint to Stirling Council. Stephen Swan had conducted an enquiry, and Hugh has apologised.
2. TPAS Conference 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – 6 people expressed interest in attending, subject to the result of our budget application. Those hoping to attend are Hugh, William, Moira, Margaretanne, Sarah-Jane and Anna. Hugh asked if Philomena would be allowed to attend, with the added expense being paid for by Hugh. This was agreed.
3. STA Conference and AGM 18<sup>th</sup> May – Room at STEP has been booked – including catering. Anna to ask Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Scottish Government, if he would be willing to be our main speaker.

**Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Anna will try to book Hillpark Centre, Bannockburn.