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**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD IN MAYFIELD CENTRE, ST NINIANS,
ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10.00am**

Present:

William Derrick
Anna Johnston
Moir Robertson
Hugh McClung
Sarah-Jane Dunbar
Robert Cairney

Apologies:

Margaretanne Browne
Mags Hughes

Not present:

Duncan Faichney

In attendance:

Luke Scrivens (Independent Tenant Participation Officer)
Steven McCabe (Housing Allocations Team Leader)
Dean MacGregor (Housing Allocations Team,)
Jenny Evans (Housing Allocations Team)

Report on Housing Allocations Policy Review

William thanked Steven and his team for coming along to today's meeting. Steven expressed thanks for the opportunity to come along and speak to STA members about the consultation which had taken place. He distributed copies of the following documents to everyone:

- a) Housing Allocation Policy Review Consultation Report
- b) Update dated 18th September 2024 re. consultation results
- c) Draft Version 1 of Housing Allocation Policy

Good results had been received from the consultation, with pretty broad support for the proposals, although not a majority for the proposal to amalgamate allocation areas – this could be due to a lack of understanding. Regarding the proposal to reduce the number of offers to homeless individuals – some were against the change.

Draft policy will now go to HAG and to CHW Group.

Minute of last meeting:

Minutes of meeting held on 21st August 2024 had been circulated and were approved by Hugh and seconded by Sarah-Jane.

Business arising:

1. Page 1 (under Chair's Report) – Margaretanne had received an email from Martin Earl who had received a response from Robert Plews regarding expenses to attend transport group. The response stated that attendance at the transport group is done on a voluntary basis. STA members felt the decision was unfair. Luke will discuss this with Gillian.
2. Page 1 (under Business arising) – Tony Kelly had been unable to attend today's meeting but will be invited to our October meeting.
3. Page 2 (under TP Officer's Report) – Progress is being made with the new Engage system and this has gone to procurement.
4. Page 2 (under Secretary's Report) – Anna has contacted Duncan to let him know that we do appreciate that he can no longer attend meetings, but we will continue to send minutes to him. There was a discussion, but no decision, about whether it would be appropriate for Duncan to be made an Associate Member.

Chair's Report:

1. William updated the meeting on plans to give Tony Kelly a gift to thank him for what he has done for STA and for tenants in general.
2. Council's Open Day will be held on 20th September 2024. It is hoped that as many STA members as possible will be available to man our table.

Secretary's Report:

1. TPAS Annual Conference is due to be held from 20th to 22nd June 2025 at the Golden Jubilee Hotel in Clydebank. Moira felt that if we get any new members in the near future, they should not be eligible to attend the Conference as they wouldn't have sufficient knowledge/experience. However, Hugh, Sarah-Jane and Anna felt that any newer members would benefit from attending the Conference – a good learning experience.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Moira distributed copies of STA accounts from 01.04.24 to today's date. Balance is £7,658.69.

Independent TP Officer's Report:

1. Luke has been organizing the Open Day to be held on 20th September 2024. He reported that more Council services will be represented this year.
2. Open Door should be ready for distribution soon.
3. The new Procurement system is going to be underway in the near future.
4. St Modan's High School – looking to have a housing session in November. Hopefully Luke and Robert will take this further.
5. Luke has attended a meeting of a TP group and will be linking into other TP groups.

Any other reports:

1. Tenants Together – Sarah-Jane reported that Tenants Together have been nominated for an award at TIS.
2. Housing Advisory Group – Hugh reported that:
 - a) Last HAG meeting had been chaired poorly. There had been very little, or no recognition of any comments made by tenant representatives.
 - b) It did appear that the chair had not read the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - c) Verbal presentation of reports is not satisfactory.

- d) Julie McAfee has said that Democratic Services will support HAG for the next two meetings. Following these two meetings there will be a new model. Hugh would like to know who has decided what will happen. Hugh will be contacting Stephen Clark.
- e) Some indications about HRA outturn – no comment about inflation costs not going down. This may be shown in the next report.
- f) Report about RRTP – service as a whole is coping well and meeting requirements.
- g) Housing Emergency has been declared – should mean less dependance on temporary accommodation. Homeless temporary accommodation is being flipped to permanent accommodation.
- h) No information is available on the provision of battery storage for solar panels.
- i) Too many items are marked as “noted”.
- j) HAG Review needs to be looked at.

Any other business:

1. As happened at our August meeting there was no time to discuss “Stirling Young Tenants” or the Work Plan 01.04.24 to 31.03.25. Anna will organize a Zoom meeting when these two subjects can be discussed. She will notify all members when this is in place.

Date of next meeting:

16th October 2024 at 10.00am – Anna will submit a booking to Mayfield Centre.