



**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD IN ALLAN WATER HOUSE
AND ONLINE VIA TEAMS ON 22ND JANUARY 2025 AT 10.00am**

Present:

Sarah-Jane Dunbar
William Derrick
Anna Johnston
Hugh McClung
Luke Scrivens, Tenant Participation Officer

Via Teams:

Margaretanne Browne
Moir Robertson
Simon Bain, Stirling Council

Speaker:

Simon thanked STA for inviting him to attend today's meeting. He provided an overview of garage sites within Stirling Council area and pointed out that many of these are not used for cars. Some are well-maintained, but some are not. Simon will forward this overview to all STA members.

One member of Stirling Council staff is responsible for monitoring the situation re. garages, but unfortunately that member of staff does have other responsibilities. More help would be appreciated. Luke will organise a meeting to set up a working group – Simon will liaise with Luke to set this up, hopefully prior to the next committee meeting near to May. Further discussion is required. Simon suggested perhaps involving Stephen Swan and Gillian Findlay.

Minute of last meeting:

Minute of meeting held on 11th December had been circulated and was approved by Sarah-Jane and seconded by Margaretanne.

Business arising from December Minutes:

Page 1 – Rent Consultation Various questions have arisen resulting from Housing Advisory Group's discussion on rent consultation (query re. inflation rates). Following on from these questions Hugh had wondered if it might be appropriate for STA to carry out a tenant-led inspection on this topic. Luke will be sending out messages to tenants to see if any would be interested in participating.

At this point William indicated that he would like to see an independent TLI being held to meet and discuss issues such as allocations. STA would then report back to the relevant

officers. William added that he would like to see independent tenants involved, not only STA members.

Moirra said that in the past tenants had looked at how things were working, or otherwise, and reported back to Housing Advisory Group who would let us know if changes were implemented. TLIs were not led by STA, they were led by Tenant Participation Officer.

Page 2 – TP Officer’s Report – Item 6 concerned the possibility of Luke’s working week being lengthened to full-time hours. This will need to be brought up at Housing Advisory Group.

Page 2 – Tenants Together – Moirra queried if Sarah-Jane is making any progress with the Tenants Together website. Sarah-Jane is awaiting a response from Colin.

Chair’s Report:

1. Last year’s Annual General Meeting had been held at STEP and had been inordinately expensive, and not well-attended. Perhaps this year we should hold the AGM in a local Community Centre – date is Saturday 17th May from 1pm to 4pm. Hillpark Community Centre and Cornton Community Centre were put forward as options. Anna reported that Cornton Community Centre is in process of being completely refurbished – inside and outside – and it is hoped that work will be completed by end of February.

Secretary’s Report:

1. Nothing to report that hasn’t already been notified by e-mail to all members.

Treasurer’s Report:

1. Since last meeting Kiswebs have been paid £30.
2. Balance in bank £6,457.84.
3. We need to think about applying for annual grant from Stirling Council – our work plan will have to be prepared so that this submission can be made. Moirra would like to organise a Zoom meeting for all STA members to discuss the work plan, then another meeting to discuss the budget application – meeting to discuss work plan will be held on Monday 10th February and meeting to discuss budget application will be held on Monday 24th February – both at 10am and both using Zoom.

Tenant Participation Officer’s Report:

1. Luke has been focusing on tenant feedback with IT – having the ability to email and/or text to all tenants. This will lead on to TP strategy. Luke would like to start this off with STA members.
2. Hopefully Kiswebs can arrange for us to have access to our website. Anna will contact Kiswebs.

Tenants Together:

1. Sarah-Jane had received an email from Colin asking if she would join the Comms Group. First face-to-face meeting is in Glasgow on 12th February – Sarah-Jane has requested directions to venue.

Any Other Competent Business.

1. HRA Business Plan – Hugh and Gillian had met to discuss this. It was presented by Arlene Johnson who gave a rundown. She forwarded the presentation slides and went through process of what happens during a financial projection. Hugh said it had been a worthwhile meeting.

Date of next meeting:
19th February 2025 at 10am.