



MINUTE OF MEETING HELD IN MAYFIELD CENTRE, ST NINIANS,
ON 19th MARCH 2025 AT 10.00am

Present:

Sarah-Jane Dunbar
William Derrick
Margaretanne Browne
Moir Robertson
Anna Johnston
Hugh McClung

Apologies:

Robert Cairney
Luke Scrivens, Tenant Participation Officer

Not present:

Mags Hughes

Minute of last meeting:

Minute of meeting held on 19th February 2025 had been circulated - approved by Sarah-Jane and seconded by Hugh.

Business arising from Minute:

- (a) Page 2 TP Officer's Report – Hugh reported that Luke has been approaching the ASB team – no indication of whether STA will be taking part. Hugh suggested that Luke or William should contact the portfolio holder as there is a lack of continuity in ASB policy – ask if this can be discussed at the next Housing Advisory Group meeting.
- (b) Page 2 – TP Officer's Report – Jenny Evans will be taking over from Steven McCabe for at least one year.

Chair's Report:

- (a) Councillor Hambly had contacted William regarding a property in Plean – William read the message to today's meeting. Councillor has been told that the situation cannot remain as it is. Hugh reported that he has already contacted Councillor Hambly and has said that he will support this. It was agreed by all that STA will also support Councillor Hambly. William offered to contact the Community Engagement Officer to see if they will also support STA's decision. William has contacted Councillor Hambly to ask if Councillor will contact local groups to see if a meeting can be set up to clarify exactly what is needed. Hugh felt that this

would be ideal for tenants to get together. STA will support Councillor Hambly but will not take an active role.

- (b) William said that Luke is arranging for us to go to the main library in Stirling, rather than the mobile library.

Secretary's Report:

- a) Anna reported that she had had an unplanned and unexpected visit from an electrician to fit an electric board (fuse-box). This had been on a Monday morning. She had allowed the work to go ahead but after the tradesman had left she discovered that the sockets in her house were not working.

She had phoned the Call Centre and was told that a tradesman would attend on the Wednesday between 10am and noon. Obviously unhappy about this Anna contacted Kerray who arranged for the problem to be resolved that day, about an hour after Anna had phoned. Tradesman did attend promptly and situation was rectified.

What concerned Anna is that the situation was only rectified because she knew who to speak to (ie Kerray), but a tenant who didn't know this would have had to wait from Monday morning until Wednesday morning with no sockets in the house working. Is it right that tenant members of STA should be treated more favourably than non-STA tenant members? Hugh suggested that Anna contact Stephen Clark as this is a policy issue – tenant not being notified that the visit was to occur and that the work was not carried out efficiently.

Treasurer's Report:

Moira presented detailed STA accounts for period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Balance in bank is £6,397.84.

Fees for TPAS Conference will be paid in April 2025.

Moira will arrange a meeting with Gillian Findlay to put forward our request for funding for the next financial year.

Tenants Together:

Sarah-Jane presented a report regarding Tenants Together. They need more tenants to be involved so that voices can be heard. Also hoping to have more meetings with the Minister. Colin has said he is looking for someone to take over the online situation and he is looking to open up some of the groups that existed in the past.

Moira suggested that Sarah-Jane and William ask for more information at the next Tenants Together meeting.

Other Reports:

- (a) HAG Working Group Finance, Housing Management and Income Maximisation – Group had met yesterday. Hugh felt that too many people had been present and would not like this situation to continue.

Stephen Clark had been in attendance to discuss HRA Outturn. Brian Dickson had attended as Finances Officer.

Hugh said that we will have to look at restricting numbers – whatever is on the agenda should dictate how many should attend.

Meetings will be quarterly.

Councillor Macpherson had been in touch with Stephen Clark concerning the employer's contribution to National Insurance. Stephen had responded that this did not impact the Housing Revenue Account. Any increase in National Insurance on employer's side affects only the employer and does not get split up into different sections. Hugh will raise this at the next HAG meeting.

Work Plan 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026:

Moirira presented the draft work plan.

It was agreed that Brian Dickson will be asked to provide training session/s for STA.

Work plan was approved.

Budget Application 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026:

Moirira presented a report from a meeting which had been held on 17th March 2025. It had been agreed that the most important thing to work for is to get new members. Current members had been emailed a copy of the notes from the budget meeting.

Date of next meeting:

16th April 2025 at 10.00am. It's hoped that this can be held in Plean – Anna will arrange.