



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
ONLINE USING ZOOM ON 18th JANUARY 2023 AT 10.00am

Present:

William Derrick
Anna Johnston
Moir Robertson
Hugh McClung
Margaretanne Browne
Robert Cairney (arrived 11.15am)_

Apologies:

Alex Wallace
Mags Hughes

Non-attendance:

Alec Lamb
Duncan Faichney
Stephen Brown
Thomas Allan Brown

In attendance:

Tony Kelly (Independent Tenant Participation Officer)

William welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that everyone had enjoyed a Happy New Year.

Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes of meeting held on 21st December 2022 had been circulated and were approved by Hugh, seconded by Moira.

Business arising:

- a) As reported at the December meeting Hugh had contacted Housing Advisory Group regarding attendance by Councillors. Crucial point was that when HAG started it was held in Viewforth – attended by a lot of Councillors and very few Council officers. Hugh had stated that there should be at least two Councillors from each political party. Reply from Councillor McGarvey to Hugh had stated that Hugh's concerns are being taken seriously and

have been passed on to those Councillors who did not attend HAG. Hugh understands that Councillors do see the papers, but it would be more appreciated if Councillors were present. Hugh also pointed out that many items under discussion end with the comment “Matter is Noted”. He feels that this is unsatisfactory and this has been brought up previously – some years ago – nothing has changed.

On the subject of HAG William pointed out that the papers should be issued earlier.

- b) TP Support – Hugh is intending to raise the lack of TP support at the next HAG meeting. It appears that TPAS have had no communication from Stirling Council.

Chair’s Report:

- a) William indicated that he will be unable to attend the HAG meeting on 25th January. He will inform HAG of this.

Secretary’s Report:

- a) Anna continues to forward e-mails she receives from TPAS etc. to all STA members for whom she has e-mail addresses.
- b) She also maintains STA’s Facebook page.
- c) William and Anna had visited Alec Lamb and given him the whisky tumbler and miniature as a gift from the STA. Alec had been delighted and asked William and Anna to pass his thanks on to everyone. It seems unlikely that Alec will be able to attend future meetings and it was agreed to note his retiral with Committee’s thanks for his long service to the STA.
- d) Members will recall the amended Constitution being approved at our AGM in May 2022. Under Management Committee it states that “Any member of the Management Committee who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without tabling their apologies in advance for non-attendance, will be deemed to have resigned and the Management Committee will seek a replacement”. After discussion it was agreed that Anna should contact Stephen Brown to advise him of the above and that he is now considered to have resigned. Anna will add that we do understand the commitments Steven has.

Treasurer’s Report:

- a) Moira reported a balance of £8,838.26. King Robert Hotel and Kiswebs have been paid.

Independent TP Officer’s Report:

- a) TLI – Steven McCabe had said that the handling of letting processes is being looked at currently and it would therefore be more appropriate for a TLI on letting processes to be carried out in 2024.
- b) TLI – Hugh suggested looking at HAG but it was queried if we would get co-operation from Stirling Council. Hugh wondered if it would be possible to invite another tenant organisation to do an inspection of HAG. It was decided that this may be a good idea but was unfeasible.
- c) Tony suggested having a look at how Stirling Council is working with tenant participation, and suggested asking how Council is helping tenants during the current poverty crisis. Tony will set up a date to discuss this further with anyone interested.
- d) Tony had asked if STA would be allocated a page in the Open Door – this could contain information about TLIs.
- e) Anyone with any ideas of a topic for a TLI bring their ideas to the next meeting.

Any other business:

- a) Hugh reported that a tenant had contacted him. This tenant had phoned Stirling Council to ask for a heightened toilet. He was told by the Council to contact Social Work. When the tenant managed to contact Social Work he was told to contact District Nurses – tenant had no response from them. Tenant then contacted Hugh who advised the tenant to phone Housing Services and explain the situation. Matter has now been resolved but it was agreed that the tenant should not have been passed from pillar to post. Anna was asked to report this to Simon Bain.

There being no further business William thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next meeting:

Next meeting will be on 15th February 2023 – venue to be confirmed.