



2003 - 2024

21 years of supporting Stirling Council tenants

### **WORK PLAN 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

#### **Meetings:**

Last year we focused on recruiting new members and tried interspersing our business meetings with “Meet and Greet” sessions. We did have two tenants show an interest by attending a meeting, but neither returned.

We are looking into having Associate Memberships.

Business meetings and “Meet and Greet” sessions were held throughout the Stirling Council area so that tenants from all areas could attend if they wish. We went to CC meetings in Killin, Cambusbarron and Raploch but there were no tenants at the meetings. We left information leaflets, but we have had no interest.

Still need more members as down to eight and one member is unwell and has family commitments so finds it hard to take an active role in the STA.

Anna and Willie attended a Community meeting in Cornton but although they promoted STA, it did not result in any new members.

We would like to get SC Officers to attend our meeting to talk on a subject that is relevant to the area we are meeting in. This could bring in tenants, especially if it is a ‘hot topic’ in the area.

We would like to go to Plean and ask Fiona Haney, the architect for the new build houses to discuss the work, and Jenny Evans to talk on allocations.

We would like to go to a venue near Duries Hill [between Cowie and Plean] and explain the plans to tenants and applicants.

Other suggestions are St. Ninians at the end of the year.

We could hold STA business meetings on-line so that meetings with speakers can have the time required.

We could give explanations to tenants and applicants on how to use the Portal.

The STA would like to go into schools with the long-term plan being created by the STA before attempting to go into any school. And to focus on one subject such as homelessness under the school’s heading of Life Skills,

Luke will keep the STA updated with the Travellers site.

Last year's STA Conference and AGM was held at STEP and was too expensive and not well attended. This year we would like to hold it in a Community facility. Anna will find out if the Community Hub, Bannockburn was available and the cost. Sarah-Jane has found out the price of food from Michael Mores.

Speakers could be Gerry McGarvey, who is now Leader of SC, or/and Steven McCabe.

### **Training:**

It is our intention to have training sessions during the coming year.

Last year we had training on: Income Max Session, Housing On-line, the New Portal and Housing Business plan by Elaine from Arneil Johnston.

Sarah-Jane a member of Tenants Together receives information which she shared about Associate Membership and also reports back on the meetings.

The TPAS Conference gives training at its Conference to all attendees and the STA makes effective use of this opportunity.

Luke has access to the STA website and is going to give the group training. Margaretanne and Sarah-Jane will then keep it updated and current. STA could maybe launch the updated website at the AGM and offer a raffle prize.

Luke will arrange with Brian Dickson for Finance Training for the group.

Luke will arrange for Dan Hartles to update the group on ASB Review.

Members attend webinars offered by TPAS.

### **Other involvements:**

Several STA members along with other tenants attend meetings of the Council's Repairs Improvement Group [RIG].

Every year the STA is involved with the Rent Consultation.

The STA work with SC on the Annual Return of the Charter.

We are consulted on HRA land or buildings which are proposed for sale or lease.

We are still hoping to get the STA Newsletter reinstated.

We carry out tenant-to-tenant surveys.

One member runs our Facebook account and another our Twitter account.

Willie the STA Chair is a member of the TPAS Board and along with Sarah-Jane is on Tenants Together.

Some members of STA, along with other interested tenants, carry out tenant-led inspections on varying sections of SC Housing Services e.g. allocations, void properties etc. Findings are then reported to Housing Services and to the Housing Advisory Group.

Last year Willie and Anna [Secretary] carried out a trial of the new Housing Online project along with SC Housing Allocations Team. All STA members have been involved in the progress and are delighted that it is now live.

The STA is involved with SC Policy Reviews as they arise.

Several members attended Housing Advisory Group meetings [HAG]. This has been reviewed with the review group including the STA. Now discussions on the policies etc. will take place in workshops prior to the HAG meeting with reports/presentations being given at the HAG meetings.

The STA is involved with SC Policy Reviews as they arise; last year these were Housing Allocations Review, HAG review, RiG policy update, Voids, and Homelessness.

Luke and Alexa Scrivener are working with the Travellers and keep STA updated.

Open Door – Luke said that the next issue will tell tenants that in future it will be digital, they will have to request a paper copy. This is due to the cost of printing and postage, which is greater than the cost of SC Open Day. We have yet to work out the implications for the STA Newsletter.

**Other items which we are always following and are involved with:**

AICO (formerly HomeLINK)

Anti-Social Behaviour and the Safer Communities team

Tenant and Tenants Survey.

Luke will revamp the TLI.

Anna runs Facebook and Margaretanne runs Twitter. We are looking to find out how many hits we have on both Facebook and Twitter and on the website before it is updated.

Allocations is live.

TP Strategy is active.

Handbook for new STA members. We hope to have something that we can hand to interested tenants. Sarah-Jane, as the newest member could tell us what she wishes she had known on joining the STA.

Website: members have been writing a brief introduction about themselves on-line.

We will get a group photo to put on the website.

Meetings will be advertised on-line and posters etc. at least a week before.