



**STIRLING TENANTS ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD IN ALLAN CENTRE, BRIDGE OF ALLAN
ON 19th APRIL 2016 AT 10.30am**

1. Present:

Hugh McClung, Philomena McClung, Michael Griffiths, Duncan Faichney, Alex Lamb, Dolly Gemmell, Anna Johnston, Kathy Brown, Moira Robertson, Kirsty Hill (TP Officer).

Apologies:

Thomas (Allan) Brown, Meg de Amasi, Richard Waddell, Delia Waddell, Brian Telfer.

Hugh welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Kirsty who has replaced Emma as Tenant Participation Officer.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 15th March 2016:

Acceptance of minutes was proposed by Michael, seconded by Duncan.

3. Business arising from Minutes:

- Dolly has not yet received invoice from Stirling Council for February meeting. Hugh said that he had received it but, as there was a query, he had returned it and was waiting for an amended invoice.

4. Reports:

Chair

- Hugh reported that the last month had been decidedly quiet with few meetings, but he has been involved in a number of issues.
- Scottish Government/HAG – The scheduling changes of the Housing (Scotland) Act will be published in June together with a working toolkit document explaining how the Act will work. We need to have some joint meetings with Council officers as a training measure, both on the Act and on the toolkit. Hugh expressed hope that as many of us as possible, or all of us would be better, to be involved with this as it will affect allocations, short assured tenancies and the private sector. We need to get the info out to the tenant population to enable them to be informed.
- Goosecroft Road flats/Steadfast Homes – Hugh, along with other STA members, had been invited to preview the new flats across from Stirling Railway Station. He had been impressed with the quality and with the new heating recycling system which takes heat from electrical appliances, filters it and recycles the heat throughout the flat.
- AGM – Hugh felt that there is a need for some promotional material for the AGM. This will be discussed later today.
- Independent TP Worker – Hugh repeated his welcome to Kirsty and said we will need to give her some time to get used to the Stirling area and to get herself organised into the post.

Secretary

- TPAS membership is due (£29.00). Michael moved that our membership be renewed, seconded by Dolly.
- International Union of Tenants Congress 14th to 16th October 2016. This will be discussed later on today's agenda.

- Philomena had received information from TPAS regarding Estate Management and Anti-social Behaviour training. It was decided not to take part in this training day as we already receive training on these from Stirling Council.
- Scottish Government meetings about the Charter – meeting in Stirling is to be held on 15th June at Raploch Community Campus. Hugh, Philomena, Dolly and Anna expressed interest in attending. Moira will be attending the meeting in Glasgow.
- TIS are seeking nominations in various categories but, as we are not members of TIS, there will be no action taken.

Treasurer

- Balance £10,651.43 – 4 cheques still to be cleared which will leave a balance of £10,431.23. Dolly has had accounts checked and signed and acceptance was moved by Philomena and seconded by Michael. Hugh thanked Dolly and Moira for their hard work and diligence throughout the year.

5. Annual General Meeting:

- Philomena will confirm with Bruce Crawford MSP that he will be the first speaker at the AGM. Carol Hamilton will be the second speaker.
- Amendments to constitution will need to be passed at the AGM.
- Meg de Amasi, Brian Telfer and Cathy Traynor will stand down at the AGM. Anna Johnston will also stand down, but will be subject to re-election.
- Promotional material – it was agreed to purchase pens and note-pads.

6. Annual Report:

- Hugh presented the Annual Report for approval. Any changes should be notified to Hugh by 29th April.

7. Budget Proposals and Workplan for 2016/17:

- Office-bearers had met with Carol Hamilton and Gillian Findlay to discuss the budget proposals for 2016/17. Proposals were accepted with the addition of the fact that Carol had offered to include an amount for 4 members of STA to attend the International Union of Tenants Congress in Glasgow in October. Grant will be £12,500 and will be paid in two instalments.
- Workplan will be discussed at our June meeting.

8. International Union of Tenants Congress:

- Moira proposed that Hugh, Philomena, Michael and Anna attend the IUT Congress from 14th to 16th October 2016 in Glasgow. This was seconded by Dolly. It was agreed that travel costs etc for delegates will be covered by STA.

9. Report from Tenant Participation Advisor:

- Kirsty is settling into her post and expressed an interest in visiting local areas. She had already spoken to Anna and to Moira. Other visits will be arranged.

10. Any other competent business:

- Scotland's Housing Network had prepared a HRA Guidance Implementation (a self-assessment framework for supporting tenant involvement). Hugh circulated a copy to each person present.
- Moira queried whether all of Kirsty's funding came from HRA but Hugh clarified that this funding comes from the tenant participation budget.

11. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held in the Mayfield Centre on Saturday 21st May 2016. The following meeting will be held in Crianlarich on Tuesday 21st June 2016 at 10.30am.

Hugh closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.