<u>Minute of North of Scotland Regional Network 1</u> <u>Meeting held in AB1 Building, 48 Huntly Street, Aberdeen</u> <u>on Friday, 26th July 2019 at 11.00 a.m.</u>

Present:

Bill Chapman	Chair	BC
Cameron Grant	Vice Chair	CG
Leonora Montgomery	Secretary/Treasurer	LHM
Steve Byrne	Committee Member	SB
Alasdair Mackenzie	Committee Member	AM
Gerald Low	Committee Member	GL
Colin Stewart	Committee Member	CS
Ruth Fraser	Committee Member	RF
Tom O'Brien	Committee Member	ТО
Patricia Millar	Committee Member	РМ

In attendance:

John Duncan	Observer	JD

Apologies:/Absent:

Susan McLellan	Scottish Government	Apologies
Derek Wilkie	Committee Member	Absent
Alice Bovill	Committee Member	Absent

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1.	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies	
	BC welcomed all especially TO and PM as this was their first Meeting and introduced JD, Resident of Aberdeen City Council who had requested to attend as an Observer. All were then asked to introduce themselves and Apologies were given as stated.	вс
	Declarations of Interest	
	CS declared being a Board Member of the SHR.	cs

		
2.	<u>Minute of Meeting held on 14th June 2019 and</u> <u>Matters Arising</u>	
	This was proposed by CG and seconded by AM as an accurate record of the Meeting subject to the removal of an extra 'a' on Page 2.	LHM
	 <u>Matters Arising</u> – Item 4 – Fire Safety Consultation Response – GL advised that he had attended 3 different events on this and had participated in the response submitted by his Group. Item 4 – Short Term Lets Consultation Response – GL advised that he did not attend the Group Meeting to formalise this as he felt he had 	GL
	a 'conflict of interest' as two of his friends are involved in Short Term Lets. BC asked Members views on the Meeting to discuss Consultation	GL
	Responses only and all felt this was the best way forward for the future as it was extremely beneficial having everyone involved and agreeing a response. Item 4 – Annual Assurance Statements – TO advised that he has asked his Landlord how they intend involving their Tenants and	ALL
	Residents in this and is still awaiting a response.	то
3.	Treasurer's Report	
	LHM advised the following - June 2019 – Bank Account Opening Balance Deposits for the Month 12.57 Cr $1,500.00$ Less Expenditure for the MonthLeaving a Balance of Petty Cash Opening Balance 193.75 Cr 86.21 Cr Deposits for the MonthLess Expenditure for the Month Less Expenditure for the Month 50.00 120.06 Less Expenditure for the Month	
	LHM stated that any Member wishing reimbursement of their Expenses credited direct to their Account, should advise her of the Sort Code; Account Number and exact Name on the Account to enable her contact the Bank to arrange this.	ALL
4.	 Business Matters Code of Conduct Signing – LHM handed a copy to each Member present for agreement and signature. Constitution - The standing down of one third of the Committee (4 Members) at our next AGM was discussed and agreement was reached that the fairest way for this to be carried out would be alphabetically. This means that at our 2020 AGM – AB; SB; BC and RF would stand down but be eligible for re-election. Other issues re wording of the Constitution was also raised and the agreement was for this to be an Agenda Item at our September Meeting. 	ALL

 Newsletter Update – SB advised that no Draft Copy was available as they were still awaiting BC's Report and photographs from SM. It was therefore agreed that a copy should be forwarded to all Committe Members by the end of next week, or soonest thereafter, for commen Chairs Meeting with Audit Scotland - BC reported that this had be a very good Meeting with several issues and concerns being raised. was also agreed that these Meetings would continue on a regular basis which was good news to all present. The Chairs had also suggested that Audit Scotland be invited to our next National 	nt. SB/AM een
 Conference to give a Presentation and all thought this an excellent idea. Chair's Meeting with Orkney Council and Orkney HA – BC advised that agreement had still to be reached on a suitable date for all. The use of Video Conferencing was raised again and all agreed that this should be looked into and instigated given our wide geographical area. Observers at Chairs and Secretaries Meeting on 6/8/19 – BC advised that TO and PM were next on the list to attend as all other Members had attended at least one Meeting. Website – CS advised that despite emailing SM he had heard nothin further on this and had checked and found no change with the old Website still showing. All were disappointed to hear this and asked E to raise at the Chairs and Secretaries Meeting. SHR Liaison Group – BC advised that the date has to be changed from September as George Walker and Michael Cameron cannot attend until October. BC will therefore email all Members of the Liais Group to advise the new date. 	BC
 6. <u>A.O.C.B.</u> • Aberdeenshire TP – RF advised that they were getting no further forward with this even though they had been part of the Government' 'Next Steps' programme. Finding it very difficult to progress. Also asked how this could be escalated as she was unclear as to what we where from the Regional Networks. BC explained that serious issues were first of all taken to the Chairs and Secretaries to see if any other areas were experiencing the same problems. A Plan of Action is there devised and evidence obtained to raise with the SHR and/ or Housing Minister to progress and resolve. TO advised that Angus were awaiting with interest a TIS Report on the 'Next Steps' programme. • Housing to 2040 - GL raised this and wanted to know when the Consultation date was. CS advised that he, together with LHM/RF ar JD had attended an Event with the Housing Minister in Aberdeen last week regarding this and the points raised were noted to be included i a provisional Report to be issued ahead of the Consultation in 'the Autumn'. • Scottish Land Commission Survey – SB raised this and will forwar link for this to LHM for distribution to all. 	r RF RC TO ALL

	• BC asked TO and PM what they thought of their first Meeting and both agreed that they had found it very interesting and informative and felt able to contribute.	TO/PM
	 BC also asked JD and he stated that he also found it interesting and informative. 	JD
7.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting – Friday, 6 th September 2019 at 11.00 a.m. in the Scottish Government Offices at AB1 Building, 48 Huntly Street, Aberdeen.	ALL