

Minute of North of Scotland Regional Network 1
Meeting held in AB1 Building, 48 Huntly Street, Aberdeen
on Friday, 6th September 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

Present:

Cameron Grant	Vice Chair (Chaired Meeting)	CG
Leonora Montgomery	Secretary/Treasurer	LHM
Steve Byrne	Committee Member	SB
Ruth Fraser	Committee Member	RF
Alasdair Mackenzie	Committee Member	AM
Gerald Low	Committee Member	GL
Tom O'Brien	Committee Member	TO
Patricia Millar	Committee Member	PM

In attendance:

Michael Boal	Scottish Government	MB

Apologies:/Absent:

Bill Chapman	Chair	Apologies
Colin Stewart	Committee Member	Apologies
Derek Wilkie	Committee Member	Absent
Alice Bovill	Committee Member	Absent

Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>CG welcomed all to the Meeting and Apologies were given as stated. There were no Declarations of Interest.</p> <p>LHM advised that she had written informally to AB for an update, as requested at the last Meeting, and had received no reply. Therefore, in accordance with our Constitution, all agreed that a first formal letter should now be sent.</p>	<p>CG</p> <p>LHM</p>
2.	<p><u>Minute of Meeting held on 26th July 2019 and Matters Arising</u></p> <p>This was proposed by SB and seconded by GL as an accurate record</p>	

	<p>of the Meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising –</p> <p>Item 6 – TO advised that they had still not received TIS’s Report on ‘Next Steps’ but will raise at their Meeting next week.</p> <p>MB advised that the second tranche of the ‘Next Steps Programme’ is due to be rolled out shortly and lengthy discussion then followed on TP in all areas and the Strategy for same.</p> <p>AM requested that a Thank You to John Duncan (Observer) be added for taking the photograph of the Group for our Newsletter. All agreed.</p>	<p>TO</p> <p>LHM</p>																																		
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>LHM advised the following -</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 2019 - Bank Account Opening Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">193.75 Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposits for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3,056.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Expenditure for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,167.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leaving a Balance of</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,082.42 Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash Opening Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16.15 Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposits for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Expenditure for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">65.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leaving a Balance of</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>0.87 Cr</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>August 2019 - Bank Account Opening Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,082.42 Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposits for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Expenditure for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">868.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leaving a Balance of</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>214.02 Cr</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash Opening Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposits for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Expenditure for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leaving a Balance of</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>60.87 Cr</u></td> </tr> </table>		£	July 2019 - Bank Account Opening Balance	193.75 Cr	Deposits for the Month	3,056.00	Less Expenditure for the Month	2,167.33	Leaving a Balance of	1,082.42 Cr	Petty Cash Opening Balance	16.15 Cr	Deposits for the Month	50.00	Less Expenditure for the Month	65.28	Leaving a Balance of	<u>0.87 Cr</u>	August 2019 - Bank Account Opening Balance	1,082.42 Cr	Deposits for the Month	0.00	Less Expenditure for the Month	868.40	Leaving a Balance of	<u>214.02 Cr</u>	Petty Cash Opening Balance	0.87	Deposits for the Month	60.00	Less Expenditure for the Month	0.00	Leaving a Balance of	<u>60.87 Cr</u>	<p>LHM</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Business Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution Amendments – As discussed at last Meeting and in the absence of CS, all agreed that they will read and pass any comments to CS (or LHM for collating and forwarding to CS) to enable him to produce a list of the proposed changes for agreement at our next Meeting on 11th October 2019. • Newsletter Update – SB advised that he was still awaiting BC’s Report but could use what he has. AM stated that he wished to resign as co-producer of this and all present accepted his resignation. CG advised that he had been in discussion with SB and they had felt that the best way forward for this was for all Regions to join together and produce an Annual Newsletter. All agreed, in principle, and CG was asked to produce a Draft Proposal for forwarding to all Regions for consideration. • Chairs and Secretaries Meeting on 6/8/19 – LHM attended this with TO/PM and as most of the items were on our Agenda, asked both to give their thoughts on the Meeting. Both stated that it was very interesting, very comprehensive Reports were given and they never realised how much went on. TO stated that his Landlord had never fed back any of these Minutes/Reports and LHM advised that she has always, and is, forwarding Minutes and other relevant documents to the TPO’s, or equivalent, when she has their name. CG requested it to be Minuted that he reiterated what LHM had said and stressed why it 	<p>ALL/ CS</p> <p>ALL</p>																																		

	<p>was essential that when there is a change of Officer, LHM be provided with their contact details to amend her mailing list. As ever, LHM has no control over what happens to these documents after they are sent.</p> <p>The next Meeting is on 5th November 2019 and the two scheduled to attend are SB and RF. LHM requested that they confirm their attendance as soon as, as in the event that they are unable to attend, it will be passed to the next Member on the list.</p> <p>LHM also advised that it had been agreed that the two Deputies required for the JHPDG should come from the Chairs and Secretaries Group. Ian Robertson, Chair of Region 2 was elected as was LHM after being “volunteered” by BC!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Audit Scotland on 2/9/19 – CG advised that he had attended this with LHM which was for their Consultation on ‘Affordable Housing’ specifically on New Builds. The main requirement stressed by all present was that it was essential that infrastructure be in place with all new builds. However, this evolved into a far wider discussion involving all properties with the predominant phrase used being ‘Future Proofing’ with suggestions on this provided. The two ladies from Audit Scotland took very comprehensive notes and stated that they had learnt a lot they didn’t know. Their Report is due out in Spring/Summer so we await this with interest, together with the next Meeting date as these are to continue. • Age, Home and Community Group Update – SB advised that the last Meeting was on 20th June and they have produced an Action Plan for updating at each Meeting. Projects and Case Studies to be produced by sub group and contained within Report to the Minister. Housing Option Guide now available and further Consultation to take place on Technological Enabled Care, which is not working in all of Scotland due to connectivity. Next Meeting December 2019. • Website Training Update – CS/TO still waiting to hear when this is to take place as it was advised at the Chairs and Secretaries as being in September 2019. • Landlords Reports Due on 31/8/19 – Majority present had not seen/ received these. • SHR’s National Report on the Charter – Now available. • Letter re Gypsy Travellers being funded from HRA – LHM advised that she had received a request from Aberdeen City Council’s Budget Group re this and that Fife Council had managed to do this without impacting on the HRA. MB advised that they had heard about this but had no other information. LHM is therefore going to contact Ian Robertson, Chair of Region 2 who is also a Fife Council Tenant, to progress. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>SB/RF</p> <p>LHM</p> <p>CG</p> <p>SB</p> <p>CS/TO</p> <p>ALL ALL LHM</p> <p>LHM</p>
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5.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Networks National Event on 21/11/19 – All had received an invite to this and will be contacted by the Scottish Government re overnight accommodation nearer the time. • SHR Pre Agenda on 3/9/19 – CG and LHM attended this which was producing questions for George Walker and Michael Cameron at the Meeting in October. • SHARE Conference – GC attended this 2 day Event through his Landlord and gave a rundown of all the Workshops which he stated were behind the times as most were already in place in Scotland. • Housing 2040 – Consulting period now over and Report will be produced for Spring 2020. All agreed that it was really ‘Best Guess’ for 2040 as who knows what will happen. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>CG</p> <p>CG</p> <p>ALL</p>
6.	<p>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 18th October 2019 at 11.00 a.m. in the Scottish Government Offices at AB1 Building, 48 Huntly Street, Aberdeen. 	<p>ALL</p>