

Minute of North of Scotland Regional Network 1
Meeting held in AB1 Building, 48 Huntly Street, Aberdeen
on Friday, 18th October 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
Derek Wilkie	Committee Member	DW

In attendance:

Susan McLellan	Scottish Government	SM

Apologies:/Absent:

Bill Chapman	Chair	Apologies
Colin Stewart	Committee Member	Apologies

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 forwarded a formal letter to AB, as requested at the last Meeting, and contained within Alice's reply was her resignation from the Committee. All present accepted this.</p>	<p>CG</p> <p>LHM</p>
2.	<p><u>Minute of Meeting held on 6th September 2019 and Matters Arising</u></p> <p>This was proposed by PM and seconded by GL as an accurate record of the Meeting.</p>	

	<p><u>Matters Arising –</u> Item 6 – (From 26/7/19) TO advised that the ‘Next Steps’ Action Plan is to be incorporated in their Strategy and they feel they should have seen the Action Plan before it was put into the Strategy and will raise this again at their next Meeting. Lengthy discussion then followed on the ‘Next Steps’ programme which those involved agreed was very good however, RF stated that her Landlord, Aberdeenshire Council, were ‘picking and choosing’ which parts to use. SM requested those who had been involved in this programme to stay after the close of this Meeting to enable her note the good and bad outcomes.</p>	<p>TO</p> <p>SM</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> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2019 - Bank Account Opening Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">214.02</td> <td>Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Deposits for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,500.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Less Expenditure for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">897.95</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Leaving a Balance of</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,816.07</td> <td>Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash Opening Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">60.87</td> <td>Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Deposits for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Less Expenditure for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">51.17</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Leaving a Balance of</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>9.70</u></td> <td>Cr</td> </tr> </table>		£		September 2019 - Bank Account Opening Balance	214.02	Cr	Deposits for the Month	2,500.00		Less Expenditure for the Month	897.95		Leaving a Balance of	1,816.07	Cr	Petty Cash Opening Balance	60.87	Cr	Deposits for the Month	0.00		Less Expenditure for the Month	51.17		Leaving a Balance of	<u>9.70</u>	Cr	<p>LHM</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Business Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution Amendments – CS had forwarded his list of proposals for this which caused some confusion so it was agreed to defer this until CS was in attendance to fully discuss. • Committee and Sub Group Membership – CG wanted to highlight the requirement for all Members to confirm their attendance/give their Apologies for all of these Meetings as this has not been happening. If LHM is not involved with a Group LHM should be copied into the replies so she is aware of who is attending which Group and when. • Newsletter Update – CG had not collated a proposal however, SM advised that Region 2 had produced their Newsletter so SB is to send a Draft to all Members for comment by next Friday (25/10/19) for producing thereafter. CG will therefore raise his proposal at the next Chairs and Secretaries for consideration. • SHR Liaison Group Meeting on 22/10/19 – CG and LHM will be attending this which will be a Question and Answer session with George Walker and Michael Cameron. GL raised the issue of not receiving the Minutes for this and was advised by LHM that there had been amendments required for the last 2/3 Meetings with the amended version not forwarded to the SHR Liaison Group Members. However, LHM advised that she will ensure that the approved Minutes are 	<p>CS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CG</p>																											

	<p>forwarded from now on. LHM also asked both RF and DW if they wished to remain as members of this Group and both answered in the affirmative but stated that they were not sure of the make-up/remit of the Group. SM is therefore to forward the details she has on the various Groups she holds for their information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs and Secretaries Meeting – Change of Date/Venue – LHM advised that this had now been changed from the 5th November in Glasgow to the 6th November in Edinburgh at the Scottish Parliament building as the Meeting with the Minister is to take place in the afternoon. LHM advised that SB and RF were next on the list as Observers at this and both confirmed that they would be attending. • Meeting with the Minister on 6/11/19 – CG and LHM will be attending this and are awaiting the list of Questions agreed at the pre-meeting. • Website Training Update – SM advised that the Website was not up and running as yet as they were in the process of sorting a few ‘glitches’ but was hopeful that it would be signed off in the next couple of weeks. • Landlords Reports Due – All had now seen these with CG stating that his Landlord had printed 1,000 copies for distributing to 7 offices as well as being available online. PM advised that a Presentation on this was given at their September Meeting and they were happy with the information provided and the answers given to the several points they questioned. Much discussion then followed on the different ways Landlords carry out their Rent Consultation. • Community Planning – CG wanted to make all aware of this with regard to the Local Development Plan which Argyll and Bute have sent out already. Others should receive this and if not should ask. • HRA Update – GL advised that a new Questionnaire had been sent to selected Members and Local Authorities and SM advised that 10 Local Authorities had applied so far. RF and TO advised that they had also received one and replied so we await with interest the Final Report sent to the Housing Minister and the outcomes from this. • Age, Home and Communities Group – SB advised that the next Meeting of this was in December and requested our agreement for him to raise the issue of Pension Credit -v- Guaranteed Pension Credit as only free spectacles were provided with the latter and this was becoming a real issue. All agreed. <p>AM advised that if there is a history of Glucoma in the family tests are now bi-annually instead of annually.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>LHM CG/ LHM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>SB</p> <p>AM</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 majority confirmed their attendance. More information to follow. • SHR Publications – CG advised that their National Report together with their Report on Interventions was now on their Website. • SB advised that Aileen Campbell, Cabinet Secretary, had visited his Tenants and Residents Group after being invited and all had gone extremely well with lots of things happening since because of it. • CG advised that Kevin Stewart would be attending his Landlord’s opening of new properties near Oban. • AM advised that 74 properties were being built in his area which included a Care Home. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>CG</p> <p>SB</p> <p>CG</p> <p>AM</p>
6.	<p>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 20th November 2019 in Edinburgh (short Meeting) at possibly 6.00p.m. with Venue to be agreed on the day. <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 10th January 2020 at 11.00 a.m. in Scottish Government Offices, AB1 Building, 48 Huntly Street, Aberdeen. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>