

Minute of North of Scotland Regional Network 1
Meeting held on Friday, 26th June 2020 via Zoom

Present:

Leonora Montgomery	Secretary/Treasurer	LHM
Steve Byrne	Committee Member	SB
Colin Stewart	Committee Member	CS
Alasdair Mackenzie	Committee Member	AM
Gerald Low	Committee Member	GL
Tom O'Brien	Committee Member	TO

In attendance:

Susan McLellan	Scottish Government	SM
Islay McLachlan	Scottish Government	IM

Apologies:/Absent:

Patricia Millar	Committee Member	Apologies
Bill Chapman	Chair	Absent
Cameron Grant	Vice Chair	Absent
Derek Wilkie	Committee Member	Absent
Ruth Fraser	Committee Member	Absent

Item		Action
1.	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> All were welcomed to the Meeting and Apologies given as stated.	LHM
2.	<u>Minute of Meeting</u> It was agreed that as these Virtual Meetings will be in place for some time, a formal Minute would be taken. If we are not Quorate, LHM will contact those not in attendance at the following Meeting but who attended the Meeting in question, for their approval of the Minute to enable these to be posted on the Website/sent out to Organisations. There will also be a formal Agenda so LHM will request items from all two weeks in advance of scheduled Meeting.	LHM/ ALL

<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>LHM advised the following –</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;"></th> <th style="text-align: right; width: 20%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>February 2020 – Bank Account Opening Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,779.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Deposits for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Less Expenditure for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,615.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Leaving a Balance of</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">164.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash Opening Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">12.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Deposits for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Less Expenditure for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">80.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Leaving a Balance of</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">32.05</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A Credit of £1,500.00 from the Scottish Government was made to the Bank Account in March, however there has been no Expenditure from the Bank Account or Petty Cash during March, April and May so the Balances remain at – Bank Account <u>Cr £1,664.24</u> Petty Cash <u>Cr £ 32.05</u></p>		£	February 2020 – Bank Account Opening Balance	1,779.99	Deposits for the Month	0.00	Less Expenditure for the Month	1,615.75	Leaving a Balance of	164.24	Petty Cash Opening Balance	12.08	Deposits for the Month	100.00	Less Expenditure for the Month	80.03	Leaving a Balance of	32.05	<p>LHM</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Business Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website Update – CS showed us on screen the new Regional Networks Website and had also forwarded a note of several issues/ suggestions and wanted our input. All agreed with the following – that only the Minutes from AGM in 2019 onward should be shown, with previous ones being archived, defining Categories more for easier access and displaying the Map highlighting the different regions. SM is going to feed this back to Annabel and she in turn will contact Colin to discuss in more detail. • Meeting on Accessibility with Minister – SB had been one of the three Regional Network Members to dial into this and had raised several issues and is waiting to hear back on these. • SHR Liaison Group – CS advised that he had suggested to the SHR that himself and the other Tenant on the Board should attend these Meetings. SM advised that they were trying to organise Virtual Meetings with both the Liaison Group and the Chairs and Secretaries so we await to hear the outcome. IM advised that the TP Team are now all on Zoom however, on their personal devices only so will be arranging these Meetings, together with the other Regions Meetings via this. • AGM Postponement to May 2021 – LHM asked if there had been any decision on this and Region 4 has agreed with us and Regions 2 and 3 will be asked at their Meetings next week and we will be notified thereafter. • HRA – GL advised that he had a follow up telephone Meeting with Edinburgh Federation where they discussed the analysing of the Budget Sheets and he is hoping that Perth Council will adopt this. • Scottish Housing Day – LHM asked if all had received the email from IM re this on the 16th September 2020 requesting they write a ‘blog’ on 1) ‘How they came to be in Social Housing’ and 2) the ‘Value they find in Social Housing’ and were they all going to complete this? All said they would and LHM is to telephone GL and PM after the Meeting to explain what this is about as they did not receive details on this. Three 	<p>CS</p> <p>SB</p> <p>SM/IM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>GL</p>																		

	<p>replies have been received so far so LHM is hoping for much more before the cut off date of 12th July as she has to collate and forward all the responses to Callum at CIH. It is hoped to produce News Sheets at the end of July and August to keep all updated. All Landlords should have received their Suggestion Pack before then giving ideas on what kind of 'Events' they can hold virtually, so hopefully all Tenants and Residents will hear about this from their Landlords.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIS Event on Digital Engagement – A Study of Tenants – TO advised that he had dialled into this and found it very informative. He will post the literature and notes from this to Basecamp after the Meeting. 	<p>LHM</p> <p>TO</p>
5.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM advised that the Scottish Government's Allocation Policy is to be published on the 29th June 2020 which will reinstate the procedure for viewings, signings, etc. SM also advised that they had been receiving a lot of complaints from Tenants on waiting lists who were unhappy with the current situation. • AM advised that he had taken part in a Teams Meeting yesterday for 4 hours interviewing candidates for the vacant TP Officer post. They have chosen someone and are awaiting confirmation of acceptance before advising us of their details. 	<p>SM</p> <p>AM</p>
6.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting –</p> <p>Friday, 21st August 2020 at 11.00 a.m. via Zoom</p>	<p>ALL</p>