

Minute of North of Scotland Regional Network 1
Meeting held on Friday, 9th July 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
via Zoom

Present:

Colin Stewart	Chair	CS
Alasdair Mackenzie	Vice Chair	AM
Leonora Montgomery	Secretary/Treasurer	LHM
Steve Byrne	Committee Member	SB
Gerald Low	Committee Member	GL
Derek Wilkie	Committee Member	DW
Tom O'Brien	Committee Member	TO
Liz Richardson	Committee Member	LR

In attendance:

Susan McLellan	Scottish Government	SM

Apologies:/Absent:

Cameron Grant	Committee Member	Absent
Susan Mcaleaney	Committee Member	Absent

Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>CS welcomed all to the Meeting and advised that no Apologies had been received.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest – CS gave his for being on the SHR Board.</p>	CS
2.	<p><u>Minute of Meeting held on 30th April 2021</u></p> <p>This was proposed by GL and seconded by SB as an accurate record of the Meeting.</p> <p><u>Minute of Meeting held on 21st May 2021</u></p> <p>This was proposed by GL and seconded by AM as an accurate record of the Meeting.</p>	

	<p><u>Matters Arising –</u></p> <p>There were no Matters Arising for either.</p>	CS
3.	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>LHM advised that as there had been no expenditure during May or June from the Bank Account the Balance remains at £1,651.40 Cr. The Petty Cash Balance in May was £24.25 Cr and LHM purchased a book of 12 Second Class Stamps at a cost of £7.92 leaving a balance of £16.33 to carry forward to June. There being no expenditure in June, the balance remains at £16.33.</p>	LHM
4.	<p><u>Business Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age, Home and Community Group Report – SM stated that since our last Meeting she had contacted the Chair of this Group and was advised it would not be continuing in it’s present form but under a new format, which is still being worked on. SM will advise us when she knows more. • Website Update – CS advised that the only thing left to complete was the subscription service and had been unable to contact Civic but hopes this can be resolved in the next couple of weeks. CS also advised that he had trained the other Regions on how to use Basecamp. • Chairs and Secretaries Group Report – CS and DW were the Observers at this Meeting on the 4th May 2021 and most of the items were on our Agenda today. <p>LHM also advised that the next Meeting was on 3rd August 2021 and suggested LR and SMca be the next Observers. All agreed and LR confirmed her attendance. LHM to contact SMca after Meeting to see if she can attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHR Liaison Group Update – LHM advised that the Pre-Agenda had taken place last Tuesday (6th) and LR had also attended therefore, both will be attending the RN/SHR Liaison Group Meeting on the 17th July 2021 where we will be giving them our Group and Region Updates; AGM and Consultation Events updates and discussing their National Panel Report on Covid19. • Communications Group Report – SB was unable to attend but CS was there and advised that he had organised training for the other Regions on how to upload Minutes, etc and the Newsletter will be done shortly. Promotion Leaflets and Flyer together with a three-fold sheet for Landlords will also be completed. Moving forward, once the subscription service is live, LHM will no longer have to send Minutes, etc to TPO’s as these will be readily available to them using this service. • Rent Focus Group Report – CS advised that they had a presentation on the Swedish model which is totally different from ours and their Rent includes Heating and Electricity. The Group also looked at Affordability and the Toolkits available, some of which do not take into account all the household bills. The Group is therefore going to 	<p>SM</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>LHM</p> <p>LHM</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>take this forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRA Group Report – GL reported that the Group discussed the validity of the Guidance as this is not enacted in Law. SM has not heard anything further on this but will give an update on this to Hugh McClung once she has. Group also discussed that some Local Authorities are better than others regarding involving Tenants and other Service Users or even giving them information. • Scottish Housing Charter Consultation Response by 9th September 2021 – Not all have attended these events as yet so after discussion it was agreed that a separate Meeting should be held on the Friday, 13th August 2021 at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom in order to formulate a response which SM will attend to. 	<p>CS</p> <p>GL/SM</p> <p>ALL/SM</p>
5.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo of New Committee for Website – After discussion it was agreed that all should take a ‘selfie’ or send a photo to CS. • Meeting Dates for 2022 – LHM had worked these out to be Fridays, 11th February and 8th April and Saturday, 14th May for our AGM. • Meeting with New Housing Minister – GL asked if there had been any progress on this and SM advised that Shona Robison has accepted the Regional Networks invitation sent by Hugh McClung and is awaiting confirmation of the date. 	<p>CS</p> <p>LHM</p> <p>SM</p>
6.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting –</p> <p>(Friday, 13th August 2021 at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom for Consultation Response).</p> <p>Committee Meeting – Friday, 3rd September 2021 at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>