

**Approved Minute of North of Scotland Regional Network 1**  
**Meeting held on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 10.00 a.m.**  
**via Zoom**

**Present:**

Colin Stewart	Chair	<b>CS</b>
Steve Byrne	Vice Chair	<b>SB</b>
Leonora Montgomery	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>LHM</b>
Gerald Low	Committee Member	<b>GL</b>
Liz Richardson	Committee Member	<b>LR</b>
Linda Lennie	Committee Member	<b>LL</b>
Kath Fennell	Committee Member	<b>KF</b>

**In attendance:**


**Apologies:/Absent:**

Carolynne Watson	Scottish Government	<b>Apologies</b>
Tom O'Brien	Committee Member	<b>Absent</b>
Derek Wilkie	Committee Member	<b>Absent</b>

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>CS welcomed all to the Meeting especially our two new members and all were asked to introduce themselves. Apologies were then given as stated.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest – CS gave his for being on the SHR Board.</p>	<p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>CS</b></p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Minute of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022</u></b></p> <p>Subject to a couple of minor amendments, this was approved by GL and seconded by SB as an accurate record of the Meeting.</p>	<b>CS</b>

	<p><b><u>Matters Arising –</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></b></p> <p>LHM advised that as there had been no expenditure during April and May the Balances remain at - Bank Account – £1,651.40 Cr and Petty Cash - £16.33 Cr.</p> <p>- <b>Payments Policy</b> – CS advised that after discussion with LHM they proposed that Expenses should now be paid direct into everyone’s Bank Account and all agreed. Members are therefore to forward their Bank details to LHM who will add them to the Bank Account which will be the only record of these details as those provided on paper will be destroyed after uploading.</p>	<p><b>LHM</b></p> <p><b>LHM</b></p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>Business Matters</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Website Update</b> – CS advised that nothing has changed other than he had forwarded a detailed letter to Anne Cook as stated last month on behalf of the Communications Group and is awaiting to hear the outcome of this.</li> <li>• <b>Chairs and Secretaries Group Report</b> – CS advised one the items discussed not on our Agenda – <b>Housing for Varying Needs Update</b> – Susan McLellan had met with Paul Bellamy from Blackwood Housing who is temporarily seconded to the Scottish Government and carrying out the review. Paul’s work is now at the stage of going out for Consultation and he is interested in talking to Regional Network Members possibly at the end of June. Susan will keep us updated.</li> <li>• <b>Rent Affordability Group Update</b> – The Meeting took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and has only one Tenant representative from the Social Rented Sector (Terry Kirby – Region 2) and one from the Private Rented Sector. After the Chairs and Secretaries Group felt that one Social Rented Sector Tenant was not enough, CS is being allowed to attend as an Observer.</li> <li>• <b>SHR Liaison Group Update</b> – LHM stated that the next Pre-Agenda Meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and advised that there are two vacant positions for Region 1 and asked all to let her know if they wish to be involved.</li> <li>• <b>Communications Group/Strategy Report</b> – CS advised that at the Meeting this past Wednesday, a lot of discussion took place. The Newsletter has been well received from all quarters and is going for it’s second print with the names of the new Committees and Office Bearers. They are looking to do a second Newsletter in possibly December 2022. Promotion and Recruitment for the Regional Networks was discussed in depth with CS advising that the Database of Landlord/RTO Groups required updating as he had found the current one we are working on only has 80 when the SHR/Scottish Government have 178 so some work required there. Once this list is compiled, each Committee Member will be tasked with contacting the Landlord/TP Officer to check if the details we hold are correct. After</li> </ul>	<p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>LHM</b></p>

	<p>this is complete, the Work Plan will move on to Regional Network Events and possibly TPO Events and then the Constitution will be worked on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rent Focus Group Report</b> – CS advised that the last Meeting in April produced the Questionnaires for both Tenants and Landlords which will be available via Survey Monkey and a printed version, with an end of August 2022 closing date.</li> <li>• <b>HRA Group Update</b> – It is hoped that a Meeting will be arranged shortly.</li> <li>• <b>Housing 2040 Group Update</b> – Meeting has been deferred until the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.</li> <li>• <b>Committee Training</b> – LL and KF received their Induction Packs but have heard nothing regarding Training as yet.</li> <li>• <b>AGM Feedback</b> – All who attended our own and others felt they were very good and after discussion, all present felt that the way forward was to hold all AGM's virtually and possibly one for all Regions together with break out groups for Election of Office Bearers and other Business.</li> </ul>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>GL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>LL/KF</p> <p>ALL</p>
5.	<p><b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Frequency and Format of Future Meetings</b> – CS advised that CW would be attending for the TP Team going forward and as she does not work on a Friday, all were asked for their preference on an alternative day. After much discussion and checking of Diaries, it was decided that these would take place on a Thursday, every eight (8) weeks apart from the next Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022 as both CS and LHM could not manage the Thursday. It was also agreed to have every third Meeting face to face, if possible, so the first of these would be on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Future dates to be discussed by CS and LHM and will be posted on Basecamp.</li> <li>• <b>TPAS Conference Feedback</b> – CS and LHM had attended to give the Workshop on the Regional Networks which had been received very well and produced some interest. They also agreed that everything else was excellent being pitched perfectly. The only slight criticism was that too many Workshops (7) took place at the same time as their one so they missed other good workshops!</li> <li>• <b>LHM</b> reminded all that if they have any questions, etc. re the Regional Network that they contact her direct and not the TP Team as there is only Carolynne and Jemma on the Team at the moment.</li> <li>• <b>LHM</b> also highlighted Scottish Housing Day taking place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and all to encourage their Landlords to participate in some way. Landlords should have received the Pack but the information all is on the Website.</li> <li>• <b>Congratulations</b> were given to both LHM as the Winner and LR as the Runner Up of The Alan Ferguson Tenant/Resident Champion of the Year 2022 at the TPAS Conference earlier this month!</li> </ul>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS/ LHM</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
6.	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting –</b></p> <p><b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom.</b></p> <p><b>Note – Remaining Meetings for 2022-2023 are all Thursdays:-</b></p>	<p>ALL</p>

	<b>13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Face to Face); 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (via Zoom); 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 (via Zoom); 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Face to Face; with Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 our AGM.</b>	
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