

Approved Minute of North of Scotland Regional Network 1
Meeting held on Friday, 19th August 2022 at 10.00 a.m.
via Zoom

Present:

Colin Stewart	Chair	CS
Steve Byrne	Vice Chair	SB
Leonora Montgomery	Secretary/Treasurer	LHM
Gerald Low	Committee Member	GL
Liz Richardson	Committee Member	LR
Kath Fennell	Committee Member	KF
(from 10.17)		

In attendance:

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Apologies:/Absent:

Carolynne Watson	Scottish Government	Apologies
Tom O'Brien	Committee Member	Absent
Derek Wilkie	Committee Member	Absent
Linda Lennie	Committee Member	Absent

Item		Action
1. <u>Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u>	CS welcomed all to the Meeting. Apologies were then given as stated. LHM advised that we required one more Committee Member to make us Quorate. Declarations of Interest – CS gave his for being on the SHR Board.	CS LHM CS
2. <u>Minute of Meeting held on 24th June 2022</u>	This was proposed by SB and seconded by GL as an accurate record of the Meeting. <u>Matters Arising –</u> None.	CS ALL

3.	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>LHM advised that as there had been no expenditure during June and July the Balances remain the same - Bank Account – £1,651.40 Cr and Petty Cash - £16.33 Cr.</p>	LHM
4.	<p><u>Business Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website Update – CS advised that some progress has been made with the Subscription issue as he has had several meetings regarding this. Only one 'small' issue remains so he is hopeful of 'sometime' soon! • Chairs and Secretaries Group Report – CS advised one of the items discussed not on our Agenda – Housing for Varying Needs/Housing Disability Group to be formed (formerly Age, Home and Community) and an email will go out from the TP Team asking Members to register their interest in being on this Group. Also discussed were Training Sessions; Network Events; 'Buddy' system for Sub Groups. • SHR Liaison Group Update – LHM advised that the SHR had changed the date of the Meeting from the 2nd August 2022 to this coming Monday (22nd) so there was no Report until then. • Communications Group/Strategy Report – CS advised that he had merged the Scottish Government and SHR' databases of contacts and requested that each Committee Member check their own details as well as their Landlord's, TP Officer's and RTO's details, with the latter to show a Tenant/Resident as the contact and to email him with any changes. CS will post a video on Basecamp to show how to carry this out as it has to be as accurate as possible before contacting all to both promote the Regional Network and obtain the correct information. • Rent Focus Group Report – CS advised that the Meeting took place last Wednesday and they finalised the two Questionnaires – 1 for Landlords and 1 for Tenants. These will go out on 31st August 2022 with a closing date of 28th September 2022 and the outcome will be published later in the year. • HRA Group Update – GL advised that there was still no word of a Meeting being arranged. • Housing 2040 Group Update – No update at the moment as there is no Meeting date in the diary. • Questions for the Next Meeting with the Cabinet Secretary – Members suggested some questions on – Housing Disability; HRA Guidance becoming Law; The Freeze on Scottish Government Recruitment; Regional Networks Website not fully supported; Regional Networks running at 40% capacity; Financial Matters and not Devolved Powers – no support from MSP's and support for the HIV/Aids U=U (Undetectable=Untransmittable) campaign. All to post their proposed Questions on to Basecamp for consideration. Date with Cabinet Secretary still to be arranged. • Sub Group Members – As some Members are not on these, CS requested all to look at the remits of the Groups and to note their interest in same on Basecamp. 	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>LHM</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>GL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

5.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to Face Meetings – CS asked all their thoughts on this which produced mixed results. Our next Meeting is scheduled to be face to face however, as Carolynne gave her apologies for today, CS will contact her re booking a venue. All asked not to book their travel until this has been confirmed. • LHM reminded all again that if they have any questions, etc. re the Regional Network that they contact CS direct and not the TP Team. • CS was very unhappy to have to announce that this was LHM's last Meeting as she was moving to Montrose next month and would no longer be in Social Housing, hence having to resign from the Regional Network. All agreed that she will be greatly missed and thanked her for all her hard work over her many years. 	<p>CS</p> <p>LHM</p> <p>ALL</p>
6.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting –</p> <p>Thursday, 13th October 2022 – Time and Venue to be arranged.</p>	<p>ALL</p>