



STIRLING TENANTS ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER 2012
IN RAPLOCH CAMPUS
AT 10.30AM

1. Present: Michael Griffiths, Richard Waddell, Thomas Brown, Mary Rainey, Moira Robertson, Hugh McClung, Dolly Gemmel, Margaret Campbell, Cathy Brown, Peter Pelgrave, June Higgins, Meg Amasi, Philomena McClung, Alec Lamb, Delia Waddell
Emma Meldrum STP

Apologies: Cathy Traynor, Anna Johnston, George Keenan

Maria Balfour has given up her tenancy and therefore cannot remain as a committee member. Philomena has thanked her for her support over the past few years.

2 Approval of minutes [20.11.12] and matters arising.

Proposed Michael Griffiths, Seconded Meg Amasi

Matters arising:

2.15 HRA Community Projects; Hugh received a phone call from Tony Cain to discuss the STA recommendations. The Braehead proposal has been dropped by the community group. Our recommendations for the other 2 projects, Crianlarich and Culterhove will be sent to the Ministers.

The STA will make decisions on individual cases and would probably agree if there had been enough community consultation.

Tony confirmed that the STA will be consulted on any new applications prior to them going before the Ministers.

3. Rent consultation; this is on-going and Emma asked that we encourage people to return the questionnaires that they will receive in the 2nd week in January. Committee members are not expected to contact every tenant directly, but to put up posters and talk to neighbours and friends. All tenants will receive a questionnaire in the post and copies will also be on Facebook, and sent by email. **Action all.**

Responses from the Tenant Panel; there were slightly more 'yes' than 'no' but a lot of 'don't know'.

4.1 The definition of 'affordability' is open to interpretation; in the past Hugh has argued with the Minister for Housing that council and housing association housing should be described as 'social'.

4.3 Richard emailed Bob Jack, CeO of Stirling Council regarding our report of 'The Cost of Day Care'. The Director of Social Work is suspended, and we want to know who will be responding to

our report. Richard has not had an acknowledgment of his email. He will contact Corrie McChord, Leader of Stirling Council. **Action Richard**

3 Treasurer's report

3.1 Emma has arranged for the final payment of the 2012/2013 grant of £5800 to be paid into our account.

4 AOCB

4.1 Committee members are not representatives for their local areas but are expected to help disseminate information in their local area by posters, talking etc. The constitution says:-

1. Aims of the Organisation

To safeguard and promote the interests of Council tenants of the STA on all matters concerning housing, the environment, social and community life of the area. STA will actively encourage membership of tenants equally from Stirling Councils' housing management areas and to give all tenants equal opportunities.

2. Membership

Membership is open, regardless of race, sex, political opinion, sexual orientation, disability or religious opinion, to all individual tenants, over the age of sixteen, of Stirling Council and Stirling Council Tenants Groups in the geographical area covered by STA. Representatives from groups may join STA as an individual tenant.

If a STA committee member is approached by a tenant with a problem that they cannot deal with, the tenant should be referred to Emma or Stirling Council.

4.2 Emma will be off-work from 17th January recovering from an operation. The STA wished her well. Emma will ask Tony Kelly, TPAS to attend our meetings.

4.3 Emma will try to convene a meeting of the Service Level Agreement [SLA] group between 3rd and 16th January 2013. **Action Emma**

4.4 Stirling Council Open Day will be held on 20th April 2013.

4.5 The Christmas Party for homeless families in temporary accommodation was a great success; helped by a generous donation of £500.

5 Meeting dates and venues from January to June 2013.

January 15 th	Mayfield Centre	Phil will book venue
February 19 th	Bannockburn Hill Park	Phil will book venue
March 19 th	Cornton Community Hall	Phil will book venue
April 16 th	Balfron McLintock Hall	Margaret will book venue
May 18 th	AGM Mayfield Centre	Emma will book venue
June 18 th	Crianlarich Village hall	Moirra will book venue

The AGM will start at 3pm and be followed by a 10 Year Celebration event.

Abbreviations

AGM	Annual General Meeting
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
CC	Community Council
CRN	Central Regional Network
FV	Forth Valley

HAG	Housing Advisory Group
HRA	Housing Revenue Account
LA	Local authority
LA's	Local authorities
LG	Local Government
RN	Regional Networks
RTO	Registered Tenants Organisation
SC	Stirling Council
SHG	Strathfillan Housing Group
SHQS	Scottish Housing Quality Standard
SG	Scottish Government
SLA	Service Level Agreement
STA	Stirling Tenants Assembly
TLI	Tenant Led Inspection
TP	Tenant Participation
TPAS	Tenant Participation Advisory Service