

HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday 11th May 2017 @ 10.00 am Lamont House 9-19 Stuckleckie Road Helensburgh Present:

Stephen Allcroft (SAL) – Tenant Malcolm Campbell (MC) – Tenant Sonja Aitken (SA) – Independent Bobby Beggs (BB) – Tenant Danny Kelly (DK) – Independent

Staff Members Present:

Christine Johnston, Director of Housing & Neighbourhood Services (CJ) Paul Monaghan Local Housing and Customer Services Manager Lomond (PM) Wendy Nicholson, Administration Officer (WN)

1.	Welcome & Apologies:	Actio n
	SA welcomed PM to the meeting, PM is the new Local Housing & Customer Services Manager for Helensburgh & Lomond and will be presenting the EMAP report.	
	Apologies: Cameron Grant (CG) Councillor A Morton (CM)	
	Post Meeting Note Sandra Glazsher (SG) apologises received by email during the meeting sent on by our colleagues in Human Resource & Corporate Services.	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting with Matters Arising: 3rd March 2017	
	Minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting with the amendments noted below:	
	Page 2 Item 5: last sentence should read SA not SAL WN to update. Page 3 Item 7: should read "principle" not principal WN to update. Page 6 Item 15: SAL should read SA in the 4 th paragraph.	WN
	Proposed by: SAL Seconded by : MC	
	Matters Arising	
	Page 2: Item 5 Regional Managers Report – MC had queried if there were any outstanding issues relating to the Contractor used in the new build development. YA had sought confirmation from our colleagues in the Investment and Regeneration Team and CJ relayed the following information:	

	"Callum Williamson Ltd brought the development proposals to ACHA and had secured an agreement with the property owner. We therefore negotiated the contract on a design and build basis and secured an agreement within the Scottish Government benchmark costs.	
	The contract is not connected to the development at Smiddy Court. There were no significant issues at Smiddy Court that LH was aware of that would have required this major new development in Helensburgh being delayed."	
	MC commented that the ongoing issue of the roughcasting at Smiddy Court had not been resolved.	
	CJ confirmed that MMacA from Investment & Regeneration was monitoring the cracks in the roughcast and when remedial works are carried out they will be at the Contractors expense, It is hoped this work will coincide with the commencement of the Jutland Court development. CJ advised that YA will keep members updated with information as it becomes available.	YA
	Q: SA asked if there was associated dampness due to the roughcast issues A: CJ confirmed no water ingress and at the present time this was largely a decorative repair. The current monitoring regime will pick up on any water ingress issues.	
	After further discussion members still felt concerned over the roughcasting issue and the length of time it is taking to reach a conclusion, therefore, have requested that a report be sought from our Investment and Regeneration Team to update members at their next meeting.	YA/WN
	Page 2: Item 5 SAL commented that for the Kirkton Farm Action Group it is more that the Group feel there is no surrounding infrastructure to support the new development in its current location.	
	CJ commented that this would be considered during the Planning Application stage by Argyll and Bute Council.	
	Page 2: Item 5 Regional Managers Report – SAL asked how many properties will be completed by year end within the Roof and Roughcasting contract. CJ confirmed that these figures will form part of the Regional Managers report under Agenda Item 5	
	Page 5: Presentation from Inspector Wylie: YA will contact Inspector Wylie again after the Annual General Meeting when the new committee dates have been determined. DK asked if we could request a representative if Inspector Wylie is unable to attend.	YA
	Page 11 – Jackie Baillie MSP: CJ confirmed that unfortunately as parliament had resumed as this is a Thursday she would be unable to attend and submitted her apologies to members.	
	apologies to members.	YA
3.	Conflicts of Interest to Declare	
	Members had no conflicts of interest to declare at this meeting.	
4.	Correspondence	
	SA asked WN to read a letter received from the Helensburgh and Lomond Highland	
	Games in its entirety. The letter showed disappointment that the Committee had	
	previously not approved a community action fund application.	

All the points raised in the letter	were discussed by meml	pers who took on	board
the comments made.			
WN was asked to organise a let	tter to be sent to the Chai	r of the Helensbu	rgh and
Lomond Highland Games thank	king him for his letter and	comments also a	dvising
that they hope this will not preve		• • •	
Charity and that the points raise	ed in the letter should be i	ncluded in any fut	ture
applications.			
Regional Managers Report			
CJ presented the Regional Man	nagers presentation where	e the following top	oics were
covered:			
Investment and Regeneration	l		
Helensburgh and Lomond Figur	res Below:		
	Estimated Target	To end March]
Investment Works Package	2016/17	17	
Windows/Doors	150	79	
Kitchen/Bathroom	9	16	
Heating/Re-wire	75	18	
Roof/Roughcasting	160	53	
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	32 properties being built for rent and further 6 for private sale or rent	
	Expected completion 2020	
	Jackie Baillie, MSP officially launched the start of the project	
	Demolished Church, Garelochhead	
	Currently awaiting the outcome of a Planning Application	
	Proposal for 10 units	
	Scottish Social Housing Charter (SSHC)	
	Outcome of Factoring Service Satisfaction Survey	
	The Factoring Service Satisfaction Survey was carried out earlier this year	
	 The draft figures for overall satisfaction of factoring services provided by ACHA is 75.29% 	
	 This is indicates an increase from last year which was 69% 	
	 2015/16 Scottish average was 65.09% 	
	This figure is still to be validated	
	Scottish Social Housing Charter (SSHC)	
	Annual Return on the Charter (ARC)	
	Work is ongoing to validate the figures for the ARC return	
	 There are a total of 69 Indicators (65 relate to RSL's) Information must be returned to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) by 	
	31 st May 2017	
	Thereafter, SHR will publish Individual Landlord Reports on their website	
	Community Action Fund Award	
	Members approved a Community Action for Route 81 to assist with their annual	
	Easter event.	
	The Charity advised us that the Grant enabled the Youth Project the opportunity to	
	provide a varied and young person led programme of events during the Easter Holidays which was covered by the Helensburgh Advertiser.	
	They thanked ACHA for our support in making a difference to local young people	
	and copies of the letter are available for members to read.	
6.	Prioritisation of Estate Management Action Plans (EMAPS)	
	2017/18 (papers attached)	
	PM discussed the paper included in the members packs showing projects identified	
	in year 6 and 7 of the 7 year plan. Approval is being sought at this meeting to take	
	forward Year 6 of the programme, if agreed, PM will then provide competitive quotes from contractors at the next meeting due to be held in August.	
	quotes nom contractors at the next meeting due to be held in August.	
	PM gave a presentation showing members the outcomes of year 5. PM confirmed	
	all work was carried out on time and within budget.	
	The presentation also allowed members to see photos of the year 6 projects to visualise the work required.	
	CJ confirmed to members that this budget no longer sits with Argyll Homes for All	
	(AFHA) it is back with Housing & Neighbourhood Services although AHFA will be	
	invited to submit tenders for work. This will allow for more competitive costings.	
	MC asked PM to consider the possibility of using metal as opposed to wood to try	
	and alleviate ongoing maintenance costs.	

	CJ asked members to note that all Indicators are currently being validated prior to being submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator so amendments to current figures are possible.	
8.	KPI Report Quartile 3 (1 st April – 31 st December 2016)	
	DK also commented on the good work Route 81 in Garelochhead were doing for the children in the area and the positive impact it was making.	
	WN was asked to request that, where possible, the Charity advertise how the cameras were purchased to try and promote our Community action fund application and increase our uptake of the fund in the Helensburgh & Lomond area.	WN
	Members agreed to the change of use request and approval was unanimous	
	Members were asked to consider the following request from the Charity Friends of Hermitage Park. Members will recall they previously granted £500 to this Charity at their meeting on the 12 th January 2017. This award was for display boards. However, the Charity have contacted the Association to advise that they are making a time lapse record of the renovation of the park, and as a result would like approval for the award to be spent on cameras instead.	
	It was confirmed that no new community action fund applications were received for this meeting and members noted that the budget for Helensburgh & Lomond was £2500.	
7.	6 Quarry Knowe, Rhu Community Action Fund Applications	
	 10/12 Buchanan Road, Helensburgh 35 Clachan Road, Rosneath 35 Kirkton Crescent, Cardross 31 Barrs Terrace, Cardross 	
	 30/32 Stuckleckie Road, Helensburgh 19a Court Hill, Rosneath 9/10 Navy Way, Rosneath 	
	It was unanimously agreed to give PM approval to proceed with the following projects:	
	MC thought that AHFA operatives were being trained in carrying out steel works, however, CJ advised that she did not think this has progressed.	
	CJ also commented that we must also take into account what type of fencing is in place at surrounding properties. It may well not be appropriate for ACHA to install metal fencing at one property when all other properties have wooden fencing.	
	PM agreed there were pro and cons to using both materials as although metal is less corrosive it costs more to erect and could, therefore, reduce the amount of projects that were carried out but with wood being cheaper to erect it brings with it maintenance costs in the longer term it is also important to consider the surrounding area and what materials have been used previously. PM agreed to look at both options for members to consider at their August meeting.	

10	Retirement of Members prior to AGM	
	 Allocations Policy – (Housing & Neighbourhood Services) tenders are being issued to invite consultants to submit proposals to assist with the development of this policy. Thereafter a full consultation exercise will take place, that will include Area Committee Members. Anti-Social Behaviour Policy – (Housing & Neighbourhood Services) not yet commenced Data Protection Policy – (Finance & IT) The review is in progress, and we are awaiting confirmation from the Director as to when consultation will begin. Group Governing Body Members Code of Conduct (Human Resources/Corporate Services) – The review is due to start prior to August and Members will be consulted. Group Policy Payment & Benefits for Governing Body Members and Staff (Human Resources/Corporate Services) – Area committee members were consulted and one comment was received. The policy will be presented at the next policy committee with the date still to be confirmed. Scheme of Delegated Authority – (Human Resources/Corporate Services) – The review is due to start prior to August and Members will be consulted. 	
9.	Policy/Strategy Review 2017 – Update CJ provided the Members with update on progress on the following Policies that are due for review this year:	
	It was noted that the reletting figures were both slightly outwith target, however, there may be some slight adjustments still to be made on the year end figure and work will continue in this area to improve performance. CJ commented on the Tenancy Offers figure which is sitting at 68%. CJ confirmed that this includes applicants that do not respond to any communications and that if this was removed from the figure it would look much more favourable. CJ advised that when these figures are reported to the Scottish Housing Regulator narratives are included to explain the current figure. Q: SAL asked if the Anti Social figures showing over 100% were indeed correct A: CJ confirmed that it was possible due to the fact that some cases may span over one month with the target being the following month and the completion being a different month again. The target is decided by the category of the complaint. CJ confirmed that this was an area where the Association had to adhere to guidelines from the Scottish Housing Regulator and this impacted on how the figures were presented in the Key Performance Indicators. For this reason the way the figures were recorded had been validated by an external auditor to ensure accuracy.	
	It was noted the Arrears figure of 2.3% with CJ commenting that the overall ACHA wide figure is expected to be lower than it was when bedroom tax was introduced. This is partly down to good working relationships with ArgyII and Bute Council Housing Benefit Teams and our own local offices.	

	In accordance with the Rules of the Association, section 61.3, one third of the Area Committee Members shall retire. The Members therefore due to retire prior to the AGM in August are:	
	 Sandra Glazsher – Tenant Casual Vacancy Malcolm Campbell - Tenant Stephen Allcroft – Tenant Robert Beggs – Tenant 	
	Members Sonja Aitken Independent and Robert Beggs Tenant were both due to stand down and were asked to decide who will retire this year. BB agreed to stand down this year.	WN
	WN was asked to confirm if members can make more than one nomination when the nominations are received for the Annual General Meeting. WN will contact SA prior to the nominations being issued.	
11	Agree Promotional Material for inclusion in the AGM letters	
	CJ asked members to approve the promotional material for the AGM on 3 rd August. Members will recall that they have opened up the judging of the Garden In Bloom competition to all ACHA members within Helensburgh & Lomond.	
	CJ offered some amendments WN to incorporate and send out with Annual General meeting papers.	WN
12	Agenda Items for Office Bearers meeting 3 rd August 2017 (paper attached)	
	Members agreed the paper previously circulated in their packs.	
13	Consultation: Landlord Report 2016/17 (paper attached)	
	CJ reminded members that Argyll Community Housing Association are required by the Scottish Housing Regulator, to produce an annual Landlord Report which contains meaningful information, as chosen by our tenants and other customers, in relation to our progress towards meeting the outcomes and standards of the Scottish Social Housing Charter.	
	CJ asked Members to consider any improvements they would like to see to the report, or anything they would like included.	
	SAL and SA both agreed that the previous Landlords report was exceptionally good and well designed.	
	After a full discussion members agreed that the report should remain with the same format as 2015/16.	
	It was further agreed that the Indicators highlighted in the report should remain with no additions or omissions being recommended.	
	This led to a discussion on the content of the Tenants Newsletter with members and CJ agreeing the importance of highlighting the Helensburgh and Lomond area. To do this CJ reiterated the importance of all interested Groups such as Tenants	

	Panel and Tenants & Residents groups to feed through ideas to ensure the right information is getting included.	
	DK commented on the difference fencing makes to areas, and CJ asked members to consider this use of the Estate management projects as a tenants newsletter article.	ALL
14	"Your Voice" – Tenants Scrutiny Group Update	
	SAL advised the Mystery Shopping exercise was completed on the 19 th April 2017. All group members were given 6 addresses with scenarios to use when contacting the Customer Service Centre. Although phone calls were predominantly used SAL did try and use the link from the website to email an enquiry. Unfortunately this did not work. WN to check that there are no issues with the Customer Service Inbox. SAL commented that he enjoyed the exercise and that the results are now with the Tenant Information Service. It is expected the results will be available at the next meeting scheduled for the 30 th May.	WN
	Post Meeting Note: WN confirmed that the website and the <u>achacustomerservicecentre@acha.co.uk</u> in box were both checked to be working when the meeting concluded.	
	BB confirmed he would be attending the Tenant Information Service (TIS) conference in Cumbernauld on the 9 th - 11 th June 2017 and will report back to the members at the next meeting.	BB
15	AOCB	
	DK asked if Jackie Baillie MSP had confirmed another date for attending. CJ confirmed that YA would be in touch when the new dates for the Area Committee were determined at the August meeting.	YA
16	Date and Time of next Meeting:	
	Annual General Meeting – 3 rd August 2017 11.30am Office Bearers Meeting – 3 rd August at 13.30pm Lamont House Helensburgh	All
	Meeting closed at 11:59am MC thanked CJ and SA for standing in today.	
17	Question and Answer Session – general public	
	No members of the public were in attendance	