

Blairtummock Housing Association

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2020 @ 6pm in the Association's offices at 45 Boyndie Street, Easterhouse G34

Present:

Irene Black, Treasurer
Lynn Blackwood
Yvonne Crockert
Catriona Jamieson, Part Meeting
Betty McGill
Donna Miller
Tracy Slaven
John Wilkie
Gary Wood, Chairperson

In Attendance:

Carol Donachie, Observer
Della McKelvie, Office Manager (Mins)
Mark MacNicol, Streetcones, Part of
Meeting
Jacqui O'Rourke, Director

Carol Donachie & Mark MacNicol were introduced and welcomed to the meeting prior to the start of the meeting.

Action

1.0 APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies were received on behalf of Margaret Pirrie and Thomas Smith. Catriona Jamieson issued apologies as would be attending the meeting late.

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

2.1 Management Committee – 24th October 2019

The above minutes were approved by Irene Black & seconded by Gary Wood.

2.2 Management Committee – 5th December 2019

The above minutes were approved by Irene Black and seconded by Yvonne Crockert.

2.3 BRO – 11th December 2019

The above minutes were for information only.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Personal Issues

Chairperson reminded everyone that personnel issues should not cloud judgements when discussing strategic objectives of the Association.

3.2 FARE

Director advised the Committee that a meeting has been organised with FARE to discuss what projects etc. they are working on and a meeting will then be arranged with Management Committee for a presentation on this.

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4.1 All Management Committee with the exception of John Wilkie declared an interest in the Rent Increase/Rent Harmonisation agenda item.

5.0 STREETCONES

5.1 Mark MacNicol from Streetcones was in attendance to inform the Management Committee of what the project is and how it intends to connect with marginalised or vulnerable groups. Streetcones has worked with many varied groups from Criminal Justice System, Kibble Juveniles, Young Offenders, NHS, Social Work and Housing Associations to engage through using the arts. Three core products they provide are:

- Single facilitator workshop – Safe Space
- Rehearsals for Life – Multi facilitator workshop
- Film Production – Lived experience workshops

Catriona Jamieson joined the meeting at this point.

During discussions with the Community Regeneration Manager prior to the Management Committee meeting. it was felt that the session should be aimed at men in the age bracket with high suicide rates and the use of the safe space, single facilitator would benefit the best.

The costs involved would be £600 for 4 sessions.

Mark left the meeting at this point.

Management Committee requested that Director confirm the following with Mark before deciding on whether or not to progress with the project:-

If we purchase sessions but do not receive any engagement or carryout the 4 sessions can the Association be reimbursed for sessions not used?

6.0 INVESTMENT

6.1 Management Committee noted the contents of the report from Community Regeneration Manager.

6.2 A discussion took place on the decision taken at the meeting in December not to celebrate the completed backcourt improvements already undertaken. It was felt that this would have been a prime opportunity for the Association to celebrate the works undertaken and promote the Association and our vision.

It was agreed that a report should be presented at the next Management Committee meeting for consideration.

7.0 2020/21 FINAL BUDGET

7.1 The Director requested that a £10,000 for tenant participation/consultation budget be added to the final budget, request was approved on the understanding that a report is produced on what it has been spent on. With this change Management Committee approved the budget for 2020/21.

8.0 RENT INCREASE & RENT HARMONISATION

8.1 Director advised that on more in depth inspection of the consultant's report it has been noted that some of the ex-GHA properties could take approximately 20 years before other rent costs catch up so consideration may have to be given to reduce these rents.

Senior Housing Officer has contacted the consultant in regards to this and Management Committee will be kept advised.

9.0 FORMAL COMPLAINTS

- 9.1 The contents of the report were noted, Director asked if Management Committee required any further information, Management Committee satisfied with contents within the report and happy for staff to continue to monitor and deal with any patterns that may arise.

10.0 BUSINESS PLAN & REVIEW DAY

- 10.1 Business plan annual review is required, this can take place at Management Committee meeting.
- 10.2 Review day, felt that this should be centred around governance and assurance statements and have a facilitator. Director suggested Angela Spence to do this session with both staff and Management Committee. Team building session to also be included in the afternoon.

11.0 REPRESENTATIVE BODIES FEEDBACK

11.1 EVH

Monthly update attached.

Governing Body course, if interested Management Committee members to contact Office Manager.

11.2 EHRA

Met with Sally Thomas, SFHA and discussed how the Scottish Housing Regulator do not recognise the difference in size of organisations for example the Assurance Statement work not proportionate for differing organisations, one size does not fit all. Sally Thomas advised that the Regulator has a working group for larger organisations and she would be recommending to set one up for smaller organisations.

Discussion was also held at the meeting about the cost of regulation and the consultants involved, articles in the press of organisations feeling bullied by The Regulator.

11.3 **SFHA**

As under 11.2.

11.4 **SHR**

As under 11.2.

12.0 **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

12.1 There was no correspondence.

13.0 **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

13.1 **Share Membership**

A report on the above was distributed.

Management Committee approved share certificate and the use of seal.

13.2 **SHARE Annual Conference**

John Wilkie to be added to the Association's booking for the conference on 13th – 15th March 2020.

DMcK

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting closed at this point.

Della McKelvie
January 2019

Chairperson: _____