

Angus Housing Association Scrutiny Group Angus Members Meeting on Thursday 20th March 2025 2pm – 3.30pm at Russell Square, Arbroath

In attendance

Angus Housing Association:

Diana Finnie, Tenant Engagement Assistant (TEA)

Tenant Representatives:

P Baxter, J Gibson, H Falconer, E Parsons, G Riach, C Donald

Apologies:

J Martin

1. Welcome and apologies

TEA welcomed everyone and noted apologies from J Martin. TEA introduced everyone to J Gibson as this was her first session.

2. Recap on previous session

TEA went through the minutes from the session held at Longparke farm with DOHS on 6th February. P Baxter said it was interesting to hear about the issues in Dundee from the Dundee tenants. G Riach said that ASB is not as prevalent in rural areas.

3. Journey so far

TEA went through the previous sessions and the topics and speakers that had attended. For the benefit of new member J Gibson, the TEA went through the quiz from the first session and explained about how the Association is governed and the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

The TEA asked the group if they would like to continue meeting bimonthly or change this to monthly and also to continue as 2 separate groups. The group unanimously agreed that they would like to meet monthly and as 2 separate groups, however, they would like to meet up with the Dundee group twice a year as they found it really helpful during the last session to see what is happening in Dundee.

4. Next steps

TEA explained about in-depth scrutiny and what is involved in this and the level of commitment required. G Riach said that he would be interested in this as well as continuing with this group. The other members said that they would like to continue with this group. P Baxter said that she feels she is not ready yet to take part in that level of indepth scrutiny but maybe in a few months.

5. AOCB

TEA went through the photo consent form and what this involves, and this was completed by everyone apart from P Baxter.

TEA asked the group if there were anything that they would like to see included in the Spring Tenants Newsletter. There was discussion about the cost of this and P Baxter feels that this should be online only with paper copies on request. G Riach suggested that the Association should ask tenants if they would like a copy, this should only be made

available to tenants who are interested. H Falconer and C Donald said that they found the newsletter full of useful information.

6. Date of Next Meeting

TEA thanked the group for their participation and date set for next meeting of Thursday 24th April, 2pm to 3.30pm at Russell Square. TEA to send out a list of dates for all meeting until November and next meeting will be to agree roles and remit of the group, terms of reference and tenants to agree which policies and procedures they would like to review and in what order.