

**CARE AND REPAIR SCOTLAND
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 21st JUNE 2019
AT SCVO BRUNSWICK HOUSE, 51 WILSON ST, GLASGOW G1 1UZ**

Present: Gerry Begg, ALACHO
Stewart Wilson, Region 1
Angela Brunton, Region 3
Elizabeth Eadie, Region 4

Robert Thomson, National Director

1. Welcome and Apologies

Stewart chaired the meeting. He welcomed Board members to the meeting. There were apologies from Blair Allan (Chair) Gerry Power (THE ALLIANCE) and Andy Douglas (Region 2). Robert updated members on Blair's recent progress. The Board sends best wishes to Blair for a speedy recovery.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minute of 22nd March meeting was approved without amendment.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action: Robert to send updated GDPR advice that is part of the new accreditation template

Having examined the template, there is no new advice to give beyond what has been sent to offices in August 2018.

Action: Robert to advise Board when Scottish Government send offer of grant

To be discussed at Agenda Item 7

Action: Robert will send a revised draft with minutes of meeting.

Revised draft sent. Only change that remains is to include updated years end stats, which should be available by time of Board meeting.

5. Regional Meetings

Region 4 minutes were noted.

6. National Director's Report

The Board considered the report and noted the following:

Currently working with Conservative Party to determine from Local Authority statistics how

much money has been cut from Care and Repair budgets over 5 years. Older Person's Minister has requested evidence of reduction in funding by local authority area.

Attending meeting of Age Home and Community Review Group 20th June.

Attended new SG working group on Fire Safety.

Attended launch of Adaptations without Delay report, which CRS contributed to.

Have had initial discussions with Shelter and Age Scotland about collaboration on publicity

Ongoing discussions with Angus Council and East Dunbartonshire Council about future of services.

Have had 100% stats return from offices. Website will be updated with 2018/19 information.

Met with staff of Dumfries & Galloway service to assist them with accreditation application process. Have discussed with Caithness and Highland Group have committed to reapplying at the same time to facilitate accreditation visits.

Met with a member of HIS staff to discuss how we can raise profile of C&R and also how they can assist with compiling information about key people within IJBs

Awaiting outcome of meetings held last quarter. SG advised that a new strategy would be available in spring but not published yet.

Have attended two planning meetings of new Scottish Dementia Forum as a stakeholder and applied to join Housing Sub Group.

7.Financial Statement

The Board noted and approved the Financial Statement to 22 June. The Board expressed concern that Scottish Government has not indicated if it will provide funding for 2018/19. It was noted that this has been the longest delay in the history of SG funding provided to CRS. It was agreed that the auditor should write in the first instance to SG to obtain clarity about the future funding stability of the organisation. If there is no offer of funding, or indication of when it will be released, the Board will convene an EGM in July. It was agreed that there would then be an escalated complaints process.

Action: Robert to advise Board about the position on 1st July.

8.Discussion about Chair

Robert gave an update on Blair's current progress. He also advised about Lochaber Housing Association's conversation with the Housing Regulator. It was agreed that while Blair's progress was encouraging and that the Articles allowed for other Directors to chair meetings, it was important that we put in place an Interim Chair until Blair was able to return. There was also some discussion about potential new Board members.

Action: Robert to discuss with Gerry Power when he returns from annual leave.

9. Equity Loans Scheme

Scottish Government agreed on 14th May to continue the scheme until March 2020. The geographical areas are, Argyll & Bute, Perthshire, Glasgow, Western Isles. The Glasgow

scheme has been extended to reach into Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. The Perthshire scheme can operate in Dundee and Stirlingshire. The terms of the scheme remain the same.

There are still considerable delays by the Scottish Government appointed solicitor, Anderson Strathearn. The team meets on a monthly basis and following discussions at the last meeting, we have sent a letter to Scottish Government outlining our concerns about the progress of the scheme and the failure of AS to meet agreed deadlines.

Action: Meeting arranged with EST on 27th June to discuss concerns of Care and Repair

10.Conference 2020

It was agreed that the conference should be held on Friday 6th March in Westerwood Hotel or another suitable venue as agreed with Big Bright Star. It was also agreed that the Minister for Older People and Equalities should be invited to speak.

Action: Date and venue to be sent to previous delegates and offices as soon as possible, to allow for forward planning.

11.Scottish Dementia Forum

Life Changes Trust invited bids last year from organisations who wanted to work collaboratively in developing a dementia policy and practice forum. Care and Repair Scotland supported a bid from Age Scotland and this has been successful. The first planning meeting of the stakeholders was held on 14th May. This was followed by the first meeting of the Forum on 17th June.

At this meeting it was agreed that the name of the Forum would be About Dementia: Shaping our Worlds Together. There will be 4 sub-groups established over the next few weeks: Housing, Prevention, Transport and Carers. CRS will be a member of the Housing sub group and Life Changes Trust has asked that the work of this group be given priority. The work of the sub groups and Forum will be based the on principals of co-production through equality, diversity, accessibility and reciprocity.

As CRS is a key stakeholder, there will be regular reports to the Board on progress and the offices will be consulted over any key issues that are being discussed/ decided.

12.AOCB

There were no items to discuss.

13.Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 20th September in Edinburgh. Stewart requested that the time of the meeting be rearranged for 12.00pm and asked if it could be held in Glasgow to accommodate his travel arrangements. Marion Deeney from the Scottish Government Independent Living Team has been invited and it was suggested that Glasgow would be more suitable for her.

Action: Robert to notify Board of venue in Glasgow for meeting on Friday 20th September at 12.00.