

**CARE AND REPAIR SCOTLAND
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2021
BY ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

Present: Gerry Power, The Alliance (Chair)
Gerry Begg, ALACHO
Stewart Wilson, Region 1
Andy Douglas, Region 2
Angela Brunton, Region 3
Elizabeth Eadie, Region 4

Robert Thomson, National Director

1. Welcome and Apologies

Gerry Power welcomed Board members to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minute of 11th December 2020 meeting was approved without amendment.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Gerry and Robert confirmed that they met with ALLIANCE conference staff to discuss technical support for the conference. To be discussed further under Item 7

No progress with Board member profile.

5. National Director's Report

The Board approved the report.

Equity Loans Scheme

Following on from a team meeting which Stewart also attended, we agreed that I should write to the Scottish Government and express our collective concerns about the direction the pilot has taken. The Scottish Government responded quickly and arranged a meeting with EST. Sadly we have learned this week that Brian Hunter, who was lead at SG for this pilot, has died suddenly. EST has responded to each point raised in our letter. Annie McRae at EST, and myself have we have set up fortnightly meetings between to discuss progress with the scheme. The Housing Minister is considering the recommendations of the review report.

All-Party Parliamentary Group

The House of Commons APPG on Housing and Care for Older People organises an Inquiry every two years. These have often taken forward the work begun by the 'Housing for an Ageing Population: Panel for Innovation' (HAPPI) to advance our understanding and champion how we plan, design and deliver better accommodation for an ageing population and offer a better range of housing choices as we age. This latest Inquiry has focussed specifically on how our housing enables people with

dementia. Commencing on 13 May 2020, there were four Inquiry sessions over the course of last year. At each session, expert 'witnesses' presented on a range of topics that covered dementia-friendly design/development of new homes, changes and adaptations to existing properties, ongoing input of care and support, including consideration of innovations in technological support. The resultant Inquiry report, Housing for people with dementia – are we ready? was launched on 17 February.

Care and Repair Scotland submitted evidence on the Dementia Enablement Pilot experience in Scotland, and this contribution is acknowledged on page 47 of the report.

About Dementia Housing Sub Group

The group held a meeting to decide on the key issues that we will take forward and present to Scottish Government. About Dementia is currently framing an election manifesto document.

Digital Meetings

Meeting held with Chair and Director of South Lanarkshire to discuss a Council recommending that savings can be made by taking the service in house. Christina McKelvie Minister for Older People and Equalities has since agreed to meet us in her capacity as MSP for Hamilton.

Meeting held with new manager of East Dumbartonshire Care and Repair.. I have set up regular one to one meetings to give support and information.

Meeting held with manager of Fife Care and Repair to discuss ongoing HR issues.

Meetings held with staff in Australia, Canada and America to discuss conference.

Meeting with Equity Release staff.

Final Glasgow Care and Repair review meeting held and awaiting outcome of report to Committee.

Meeting held with Director of Foundations in England to discuss the C&R landscape after Covid.

Meeting held with SFHA Tec coordinator to discuss a possible pilot. Agreed to take forward in Fife.

Meeting with Dentons solicitors to discuss office lease arrangements.

Meeting with Chair

Meeting with Gerry and the Alliance to discuss conference.

Digital Conferences

Home adaptations for children conference.

Communities that Care and Share conference.

Older People and Ageing conference.

Scottish Government meeting on Disabled Adaptations and Dementia.

Intergenerational Living conference.

Public Sector Cyber Resilience conference.

6. Financial Statement

The Board noted and approved the Financial Statement.

ICO sent a fee invoice and although CRS does not require to register, it was easier to register than declare we are exempt.

7. Annual Conference

Gerry and Robert met again with The Alliance technical support team members. It is now agreed that CRS will facilitate the registration process through Zoom and the ALLIANCE will provide tech support on the day of the conference. The Zoom registration link will be available from Monday 1 March. Each delegate must register to join the conference. Zoom will send a reminder to delegates on the day before the event. We will give Nick from the ALLIANCE access to our account on the day. Gerry will chair the conference and make continuity comments between speakers. The Housing Minister has agreed to provide a recorded message. Robert will liaise with his diary secretary and will ask if his speech can reference the Equity Release Pilot and also Derek Feeley's review about social care. America, Australia and Canada have sent draft presentations. It was suggested that Gerry acknowledges continuous work of the offices during covid lockdowns. Questions can be asked through the chat function and we will send out responses from speakers. The session on CDM regulations will be live and Edward will answer questions. Care and Repair England tech support has offered to provide back up support on the day if we should require it. It was note that some organisations do not allow the use of Zoom on their systems. The conference will be recorded and people can view the sessions afterwards.

Action: Robert to send dvd of all presentations and speaker biographies to Gerry when they are available. It was agreed to uprate the CRS Zoom to a webinar account for 1 month. The cost of the conference will be funded through the digital contingency fund.

8. A.O.C.B

There were no other items of business.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Zoom on Friday 4th June 2021

Stewart was delayed in attending and he and Robert stayed on the meeting to discuss EST issues.