

	<p>ACHA and that the TRA will have no further liability in this respect. Gillian will request a letter from the Investment and Regeneration department.</p> <p>Kirkmichael TRA – looking to get a pc and internet connection for Secretary. Gillian will contact Wendy Nicholson in Helensburgh about this when the Registration form has been completed.</p>	<p>Gill</p> <p>Gill</p>
4.	<p>PRESENTATION BY ALASTAIR MACGREGOR</p> <p>Alastairs presentation covered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was delivered in the past year • What lessons were learnt • What are the objectives for the coming year • What are the challenges for the future • Where do the opportunities lie • Question and Answer session <p>If anyone would like a copy of the presentation (either electronically or a paper copy) please contact Gillian 01546 604088 or gillian.mcinnnes@acha.co.uk</p>	
5.	<p>NATIONAL TENANT ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>Argyll and Bute members of the Highland/Argyll & Bute Regional Network are:</p> <p>Steve Byrne (chair) Campbeltown Sonja Aitken Helensburgh Patricia Robertson Helensburgh John Croy Helensburgh Mike Crow Cardross</p> <p>The first meeting was on 12-5-08 where the constitution was signed. The next meeting will be discussing the responses to the Green Paper on Housing. The subjects to be focussed on initially will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and land • Infrastructure (roads, schools, shops etc) • Rural Deprivation • Homelessness including hidden homelessness • Closure of rural post offices • Funding for Social Housing • Anti Social Behaviour <p>The regional network intends speaking to senior civil servants and has asked for a meeting with Stewart Maxwell, Minister for Communities (responsible for housing). The network has asked for feedback and suggestions for issues for the Network.</p>	ALL
6.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Letter from Norman Beaton, Chair of ACHA, regarding replies to letters sent to ACHA.</p> <p>Letter to George Douglas, ACHA Helensburgh & Lomond Area Cttee regarding some area committee reps attending future Tenants Panel meetings.</p> <p>TPAS (Tenant Participation Advisory Service) – Annual Conference 24-26 Oct in</p>	

	<p>Dundee - Kirstie will contact all TRA's to ask for nominations to attend this and if there are more than two the next Panel will decide who attends. The form asked for suggestions for workshops at the conference – after discussion it was suggested that there be one on Landlords and tenants from different organisations working in partnership on tenant participation.</p> <p>Dee Lyons, Fyne Homes – Kirstie had received a phone call from Dee to say that she is retiring and that she wanted to wish the Tenants Panel well. Agreed to send a letter to Dee to thank her for her support.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>Kirstie</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>ACHA UPDATE</p> <p>Factoring Update – Gillian handed out an update produced by Jane McQueen to give members of the Panel an indication of the issues and timescales involved in this subject – it was agreed that this should be distributed to all TRA's and placed as an agenda item for next month.</p> <p>Stock Condition Survey – ACHA are about to conduct a Stock Condition Survey and the company being used (David Adamson) have asked to come along to the Panel to explain a bit more about this. Agreed to invite them to the June meeting.</p> <p>Firm Foundations – Housing Green Paper. Gillian distributed a document for information from the Scottish Government : An Analysis of Responses.</p> <p>Homecoming 2009 – Gillian distributed an information paper on a possible source of funding for TRA's who wish to get involved in projects for leisure activities to celebrate the Year of Homecoming 2009.</p> <p>Volunteer of the Year Awards 'Have Your Voice' Workshop – Exploring routes into the Community Planning Partnership – to be returned 23rd May</p> <p>TPAS Accreditation Scheme – ACHA have agreed to pursue this accreditation and this will involve TPAS interviewing reps from tenants associations and the Tenants Panel. Gillian will advise the Panel when this is likely to take place.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Kirstie</p> <p>Gill</p> <p>Gill</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Staff Resources for Tenant Participation – a discussion on having a central resource rather than using area staff. Gillian explained that her role was to ensure that ACHA meets statutory obligations to tenant participation and also to ensure continued development of participation across Argyll and Bute. The Administration Officers in the local offices handle the funding and registration issues while any other member of ACHA staff can be invited to attend TRA meetings and progress issues. Please note that if ACHA staff are invited to attend a meeting and cannot make it they are required to offer to send someone else or submit apologies (this is outlined in the Tenant Involvement Strategy).</p> <p>Breakdown of Tenant Participation budget – Gillian apologised for not having this and will bring to next Panel meeting.</p> <p>Insurance for Community flats – Mike Crow mentioned that it may be worthwhile</p>	<p>Gill</p>

	<p>to have these insurances added in to ACHA's insurance policy rather than being separate – may work out cheaper for ACHA. Mike will email Nick Pollard, Director of Finance and IT to ask about this.</p> <p>Tenants First (tenants newsletter) – Gillian is the editor of this newsletter which comes out quarterly and is anxious to promote tenant participation and also the good work done by TRA's. If anyone had a good news story or would like to be featured in the newsletter please get in touch.</p> <p>Setting the Agenda – this is a list of all the main topics covered by the Tenants Panel. The purpose of this was to allow the Panel to plan ahead for issues of interest to the Panel and allow enough time for consultation on issues. Gillian will provide copies of the Setting the Agenda paper for 2007 and 2008 for next meeting.</p> <p>TRA attendance at Tenants Panel – a discussion took place on encouraging reps from other tenants groups to attend. Kirstie will write to everyone to try to encourage attendance.</p>	<p>Mike</p> <p>All</p> <p>Gill</p> <p>Kirstie</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 17th June, Chalmers Court, Inveraray</p> <p>Chair of next meeting : Steve Byrne, Dalintober & Millknowe TRA</p>	

These minutes were approved at Tenants Panel meeting 17th June 2008