

**CARE AND REPAIR FORUM SCOTLAND
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26th AUGUST 2016 AT
EDINTRAIN, ST MARY STREET, EDINBURGH**

Present: Blair Allan, SFHA (Chair)
Gerry Begg (ALACHO)
Andy Todman (Region 3)
Graham Barclay (Region 4)

Robert Thomson, National Director

1. Welcome and Apologies

Blair welcomed those attending and thanked Gerry for agreeing to represent ALACHO and hoped that he would find it a rewarding experience. Apologies were received from Stewart Wilson, Daniel Bennett and Gerry Power.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest relating to the agenda of the current meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were agreed.

Action: Robert to insert Andy's name in in list of attendees.

4. Matters Arising

Matters arising were covered in the agenda items.

5. Regional Board Member's Report

Region 2

Robert reported on the Region 2 meeting which took place on 23 August. Caledonia HA is currently going through a procurement exercise that will lead to the merger of Perth and Strathearn Care and Repair services.

Region 3

Andy reported that Region 3 had a good attendance at the meeting held on 22 August. The meeting discussed social tariff broadband, legacy disrepair, help for home, the national policy statement, the proposed meeting with the Minister and Poppy Scotland.

Region 1

Region 1 meeting not arranged as Highland Council meeting dates not agreed.

Region 4

Region 4 meeting arranged for Friday 2 September.

7. National Director's Report

The Board noted the detailed report. The members discussed issues around health and social care integration. Andy reported that hospital at home arrangements would become increasingly important if the target to reduce hospital admissions by 45% reduction in beds is to be met. Gerry advised that front end assessment is the main issue in Borders. The model of an OT embedded in the Care and Repair service has been successful and should be rolled out across Scotland. The issue of housing knowledge amongst OTs was discussed and it was suggested that we should approach the College of OTs to try and assess how much housing is part of OT training.

Action: Blair and Robert to explain to Kevin Stewart the advantages of having an OT as part of the C&R service.

8. Digital Inclusion

The Board noted the report on progress with the new service in Ayrshire. It is expected that Ann Porter will commence employment on 1 September and be operational from South Ayrshire offices on 1 October. It was agreed that Ayrshire will provide a good mix of island, rural and urban clients. It was also suggested that TEC should be viewed by all offices as an integrated part of the adaptations process.

9. Help for Homes Equity Scheme

The Board noted the report on progress and supports the general idea of the scheme. It should help address the issues of legacy disrepair and some of the imbalance brought about by the Scheme of Assistance. When details of the scheme are made available it would be helpful to have a view from ALACHO.

10. Financial Statement

The report was approved.

11. A.O.C.B.

Andy asked if the regional meetings could discuss single source agreements for delivering adaptations, like the one with Cordia in D&G. There is no fair market assessment with this model

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 2nd December in Glasgow. Venue will be confirmed.