

CROSS PARTY GROUP on ARCHITECTURE and the BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Notes of Meeting *“Homes and Communities in 2040”*

**Tuesday 19th March 2019, 6pm
Committee Room 1
The Scottish Parliament**

Present:

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION
Andrea	Akosi	Choiss Edinburgh
Keith	Baker	Glasgow Caledonian University / Energy Poverty Research initiative / Common Weal
Emelie	Borg	A&DS
Moira	Bruce	Clackmannanshire Older Adults' Forum & S.O.P.A.
Bert	Bruce	Clackmannanshire Older Adults' Forum & S.O.P.A.
Oliver	Chapman	Oliver Chapman Architects
Alison	Clyde	Generations Working Together
Steven	Cochrane	HTA
William	Crowe	Parliamentary Officer for the Institution of Structural Engineers
Jocelyn	Cunliffe	Gray, Marshall & Associates
Clare	Du Boulay	Vivarium Trust board member
Sue	Evans	Landscape Institute Scotland
Linda	Fabiani MSP	Scottish Parliament
Mary	Farrell	Inverkeithing Community Development Group
Sam	Foster	Sam Foster Architects
Jane	Francis	Inverkeithing Arts Initiative
Neil	Gardiner	Convenor of Planning, City of Edinburgh Council
Rosie	Gibson	Inverkeithing Community Development Group
Anne	Grove	Scottish Government
Andrew	Haley	Ministerial Advisory Group (Northern Ireland)
Robin	Harper	Individual
Stewart	Henderson	RIAS
Frances	Heslop	Oliver Chapman Architects
Hugh	Hoffman	Vivarium
Doris	Hoffman	Vivarium

Margaret	Hyne	
Jennifer	Kennedy	Homes for Scotland
Zora	King	Retired
Glo	Lo	OiSA Designs
John	Lodge	
Kuan	Loh	Scottish Government
Fiona	Macalister	Cohousing in Southern Scotland
Calum	MacCalman	NORR consultants
Ailsa	Macfarlane	Built Environment Forum Scotland
Steve	Malone	A&DS
Rick	McCluggage	Smith Scott Mullan Associates
Peter	McColl	Snook
Liliane	McGeoch	RIAS
Michael	McGurk	Michael Laird Architects
Nicola	Mclachlan	Collective architecture
Carol	Morton	Carol Morton
Tom	Morton	Arc Architects
Emma	Morton	Glasgow City Council
Keith	Mullen	Morgan McDonnell
Ann	Packard	
David	Petrie	Homes for Scotland
Annette	Pollock	Arterre
Richard	Pollock	HammondCare
Shona	Reppe	Shona Reppe
Nancy	Rhouma	Vivarium Trust
Peter	Riddoch	PeterRiddoch Architect
Archie	Rintoul	RICS
Rohini	Sharma Joshi	Trust Housing Association
Graham	Simpson MSP	Scottish Parliament
David	Somervell	Cohousing in Southern Scotland
Emma	Steel	Scottish Land and Estates
Karen	Stevenson	RIAS
Tom	Wallace	Clachan Co-housing
Christine	Wilson	Scottish Older People's Assembly
Stephen	Young	Stephen Young

Apologies:

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Bill	Banks	Kingdom Housing Association
Jim	Chapman	
Diana	Findlay	
Malcolm	Fraser	Fraser/Livingston Architects
Muriel	Houston	
Jack	Hugh	

Akiko	Kobayashi	Akiko Kobayashi Architect
Jim	MacDonald	A&DS
Miles	Oglethorpe	HES
Bill	Pagan	
John	Scott MSP	Scottish Parliament
John	Walls	

Welcome

Linda Fabiani MSP welcomed all those in attendance.

There were no further apologies received in addition to those above.

Notes from the meeting held on 6th December 2018

The notes of the previous meeting held on 6th December were approved as a true record.

Presentations

Those presentations given on the night can be viewed by clicking on the speaker's name below.

[Speaker 1 - Tom Morton Arc RIAS RIBA, Director, Arc Architects Ltd](#)

Arc Architects have prepared a report for the Vivarium Trust Co-Housing: Future Homes for Older Scots. With the opportunity to consider these issues at the Intergenerational and Co-living Short Life Working Group who will meet over the next few months, Tom will set out how intergenerational/ Co-housing solutions offer many benefits and has a unique potential to address many of these gaps but requires leadership from government, and sustained support from local decision-makers in order to flourish in Scotland. With reference to best practice in Denmark and pilot project in Fife, he will outline what Co-housing could be like in Scotland and the key steps to achieve this change.

[Speaker 2 - Rick McCluggage, Architect and Director, Smith Scott Mullan Associates](#)

New Homes for Older People - What the Future Should Look Like, will reference exemplar and award-winning projects, Rick will outline some of the challenges faced and opportunities given when designing neighbourhoods and homes for older people and include some key steps and recommendations.

[Speaker 3 - Steve Malone, Principal Architect, Architecture and Design Scotland](#)

As a follow up to his presentation - Town Centre Living: A caring Place - to the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Towns and Town Centres in 2018, Steve will provide an update on the results of the work Architecture and Design Scotland have been exploring on the benefits and barriers to town centre living. As part of a three-year programme we've been focusing on the idea of a 'Caring Place'. Using 'care' as a way of looking at town centres and exploring opportunities for bringing together care and placemaking to tackle the challenges of the ageing population.

Kuan Loh, Senior Architect, Planning & Architecture at the Scottish Government

Following the announcement of the Programme for Government in September, Scottish Government's Housing Beyond 2021 Team has been working towards preparing the route map for achieving the vision for housing to 2040. Kuan will reference some of the developing themes and ideas that will inform the context to housing beyond 2021.

"It was very clear at the event that there is a lot of interest on the subject of housing and its role in the making of successful, sustainable places for communities. My recommendation is

for everyone in the Group and in their own network to continue the discussions / debates and engage with Scottish Government during this very interesting time of looking forward to the next 20 years of housing and places in Scotland.

We have to explore the questions of what kinds of housing will we be building; where do we build them; how do we build; as well as the question of how do we re-use our existing housing / buildings / town centres etc so we can all help making homes that meet people's needs and better places for the future.

The ongoing Housing Beyond 2021 programme and the forthcoming NPF4 / SPP review are critical consultations with which to engage as they have the potential to shape how we will deliver housing differently, with more choice and flexibility.”

Discussion

The Housing Beyond 2021 programme and the forthcoming NPF4 / SPP review are critical consultations that can inform the Scottish Government's 2040 Vision for Housing Programme. The meeting generated considerable interest and engaged debate on how to shape the delivery of homes differently, with more choice and flexibility.

The meeting heard from professionals who highlighted where we are falling short in providing homes that can facilitate more intergenerational communities and provided examples of new approaches and innovative design solutions.

We have to start thinking about housing people at different parts of their lives. This means defining what kind of homes we should be building; where we build them; and how we deliver them are important considerations.

There is a need to urgently reflect on how we can adapt and improve our existing homes/buildings, town/village centres to help combat challenges of isolation (physical and cultural), affordability, certainty and adaptability of homes faced by existing communities with the aim of creating more caring and intergenerational places.

1. Recognising the role of public interest development as a solution. Supporting pathfinder co-housing projects could be used to test innovative community led models of older peoples housing.
2. Provide choices that meet the needs of a range of people. Help to facilitate moving and adapting homes by accessing rolling funds.
3. Working across boundaries to ensure that the private sector support delivery too and look at a range of home options that are more adaptable and flexible. Think differently by considering the provision of homes for older people or people with specific needs alongside the need for affordable homes.
4. The cost of not getting it right should mean that it is in the public interest to continue to research innovative solutions and models for homes.

Date of Next Meeting – TBC

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