

SUMMER 2011

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Ayrshirehousing

Ayrshire Housing Appoints New Reactive Repairs Contractor



Ayrshire Housing is committed to delivering good quality services and value for money to our tenants. Repairs and maintenance is one of our core areas of service delivery. After a competitive process, we appointed JD Thomson Property Care Ltd of Maybole to provide our reactive repairs service from 1 June 2011. This means that South Ayrshire Council will no longer undertake our reactive repairs work.

Provost Winifred Sloan Opens Tarbolton Development

Councillor Winifred Sloan, Provost of South Ayrshire Council was delighted to welcome 18 year old Ashleigh Ellis to her new home. Ashleigh benefits from a specially adapted house with space for carers to assist her. This development consists of 18 four person and 12 six person houses. Four of the 6 person houses are especially suited to wheelchair users.

Ayrshire Housing's development cost £4 million. This investment was made possible by a Scottish Government Grant of £2.3 million. In addition, South Ayrshire Council made available a grant of £80,000 which allowed 4 of the houses to be built to wheelchair standards.



New Housing Minister Visits our latest scheme

Scotland's new housing minister Keith Brown has visited Ayr to see the progress of Ayrshire Housing's latest project. It involves the creation of 25 houses for rent alongside the retention of key parts of the Roman Catholic Church's former Cathedral of the Good Shepherd.

After over eight years of planning and protracted negotiation, Ayrshire Housing bought a former Ayr church last year. The building is located in the Dalmilling neighbourhood close to the town's racecourse.

Paul Torrance, Ayrshire Housing's Chair said "It's good that Mr Brown is taking the time to see the sort of challenging projects that housing associations have been good at delivering over the past 35 years. But can he assure us that difficult but very worthwhile schemes like this one will be developed in the future? The results of the current bidding round for government grants need to be properly assessed. We need to be convinced that claims of better value for public money do not mask a damaging loss of impact in terms of regeneration and community care, and high quality and secure employment in the construction industry."



Elections to the Board

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Ayrshire Housing will take place on Wednesday 14th September 2011. In due course, you will receive a formal agenda and a review of our activities and performance over the past year.

As you may know, the Board consists of five tenant directors, five from the community category and five appointed by South Ayrshire Council.

There are **two vacancies within the community category**. If you are interested in one of the community positions, please complete and return the form below by Friday 5th August 2011.

If there are more applications than vacancies, a postal ballot will be organised with the result being announced at the Annual General Meeting. Please provide a short statement of around 50 words in support of your application. Either return the form below or by email to Alan Park at APark@ayrshirehousing.org.uk

A company profile is available at www.ayrshirehousing.org.uk

I wish to stand for election to the Board of Ayrshire Housing

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