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Unitroy Houses – a ‘step forward’?

Jim Tolson MSP met with Alex Neil, the new Minister for Housing and Communities last Thursday to discuss the long running issue of the Unitroy houses in Crombie.

Jim commented “My colleague, Willie Rennie MP and myself have been working on this problem for a long time now. I wrote to the Minister again as well as taking the opportunity at a recent Question Time to invite him to visit the area to see the problems the residents are living with for himself.

During the meeting, Alex Neil, the Minister for Housing and Communities informed me that he has instructed his officials to meet with both Fife Housing Association and Fife Council to clarify the costs and to then agree on a funding package which will allow progress to be made. I am hoping that this will prove to be a ‘step forward’ and lead to a resolution to the problem. “

Willie Rennie MP commented “There is clear public dissatisfaction with the quality of Unitroy houses in Crombie so it’s important that steps are taken to rectify the situation straight away.

The first priority must be to clarify how much any development would cost. Now that Alex Neil has agreed to meet with Fife Housing Association and Fife Council, we’re a step closer to achieving that goal. I’m hopeful that once the financial logistics are out of the way that we can start to work towards finding a solution to this problem. “

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