

### NOTICE OF EGM 25 JANUARY 2012

You are invited to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting which will take place at 5pm on Wednesday 25 January 2012 in our offices at 119 Main Street, Ayr. The proposed special resolution is agree to make changes to our Articles (our “rule book”)

We are proposing a change in our articles to accommodate a request from South Ayrshire Council to reduce Board representation from 5 to 3. The proposed new articles, which show the changes from the currently endorsed articles in blue, are available on our website ([www.ayrshirehousing.org.uk](http://www.ayrshirehousing.org.uk)) or by contacting Sharon Ritchie on 01292 880120 or by email at [s.ritchie@ayrshirehousing.org.uk](mailto:s.ritchie@ayrshirehousing.org.uk). The only substantive changes are articles no 42 and 43 which deal with the reduction referred to. In addition, our solicitor has taken the opportunity to bring the document up to date in terms of Companies Act and OSCR requirements, in particular objectives clauses have been introduced (i.e. new no’s 84 and 85) which restate word for word those presently in the memorandum.

SAC intend to maintain the current membership of the Board of three Councillors. Up to now, the other two places have been occupied by Council senior officials. Changes in the Council’s senior management no longer make this practical from their point of view (basically there are now fewer heads of service etc). The AH Board is happy to recommend the change to the membership.

#### Proposed Special Resolution:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be amended as shown in the document.

### Care and Share

[www.careandshare-ayr.org](http://www.careandshare-ayr.org)

Ayrshire Housing were delighted to present a cheque for £500 to Care and Share.

Care and Share is an organisation for people who are homeless, have been homeless or are vulnerable to homelessness. There is a weekly drop-in at Riverside Church (next door to the Job Centre Plus) on John Street, Ayr, every Wednesday between 2:00pm and 4:30pm. This gives visitors a chance to enjoy a hot meal, make new friends, find out about activities and access a range of help and advice (benefits, housing, addiction and education).



### Dalmilling , Ayr

The first phase of our new build development on the site of the former Cathedral of the Good Shepherd has been completed and is now home to six families. The next stage will see the completion of 19 additional dwellings. There will be a mix of houses and flats and a three storey “special” in the retained cathedral gable. The expected completion date is in mid January 2012.



## Creating Training Opportunities

Ayrshire Housing is pleased to be supporting access to high quality training in the construction industry through the highly regarded Access Construction Ayrshire programme. As project managers for South Ayrshire Council's first Council housing in 30 years, the association extended the programme to the project's builder CCG. As a result they recruited two apprentices - Nathan Brown and Steven McCallum. They were congratulated by SAC Councillors John Hampton, Nan McFarlane and Douglas Campbell on a recent visit to see progress on the site. Steven is from Saltcoats and Nathan from Dalmillig in Ayr. Access Construction involves three other associations and is managed by Asp2gether. Five more trainees are being taken on this year.



## Award for Kingcase housing

Ayrshire Housing received a much coveted commendation at the Saltire Housing Design Awards for its housing development in Observer Court, Prestwick.

The award was presented by Alex Neil MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment. The architect Malcolm Fraser, who is the guest chair for this year's awards, said "we really liked what Ayr based ARPL architects have done. They've taken a non-descript scrappy bit of ground and created a real sense of place. It's not only a great bit of architecture but it's clear from speaking to the delighted residents that the design has fostered a wee community".



This year's Christmas card selection was created by pupils from Tarbolton Primary School:

Cameron Aitken, Nathan Kennedy, James Drummond, Clare Howat, Rachel Orchiston, Toni Niven, Elle Watson, Jack Owens, Saam MacDonald, Bethany Dempsey, Ethan Barclay and Nicola Paterson.

The set of twelve cards was produced at a master class led by our graphic designer Neil McGuire.

Neil has once again generously given part of his fee towards the donation that we have made to Care and Share.



The talented children are seen here receiving their own cards along with our Director, Jim Whiston and Housing Manager, David McGivern.