



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AYRSHIRE HOUSING, HELD
AT THE SAVOY PARK HOTEL, AYR ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7:00PM

Present:

Community Members

Rhonda Leith (Chairperson)
Ian Cavana
Andrew Whitehead
Simon Leslie
Mike Tomlinson
David Porte
Robert Pyper

Tenant Members

Georgina Dawson
Kenny George
Amanda Bryan
James Bryan
James Aitken
Gloria Aitken
Margaret Campbell
Myra Nicol
Margaret Green
William McCrorie
Rosemary McCrorie
Joanne Seaman
Jordan Dunlop
Robin Sealy
Shirley Sealy
Elizabeth Winton
Frances Maguire

In Attendance:

Jim Whiston
Kirsty Broadfoot (Minutes)
Debbie Thompson
Alan Park
David McGivern
Ainslie Wyllie
Joan Calderwood
Margaret Woods
Jim Sinclair (Armstrongs – external auditor)
Debi Love
Wendy Smith
Carol Young
Michelle Reid
Joanne MacLellan
Ann Tosh
Marie Brown
Caroline Donald

Carol Craig
Jane Belford
Colin Sheppard

Apologies: Anne Cameron
Bill McWilliam
Alan Ferguson
Gemma Collins
Ruth Johnstone
Cathy Gilmour
Claire Sloan
Elizabeth Gilchrist
Tracy Rowan

1. Introduction

Chairperson Rhonda Leith welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that the meeting was quorate. She hoped that everyone had enjoyed the informal reception beforehand. The announcement of the garden and pet competition winners had also been much appreciated.

Rhonda confirmed that a new Chair would be elected at the October Board meeting as she had served the maximum five years in the position.

Rhonda went on to give a summary of our latest developments, including Elba Street, North East Troon and recently completed Peebles Street. She also noted the continued investment in enhancing our existing stock in Girvan and Dundonald. Rhonda thanked our Money Advice team for all their hard work, saying that their service has helped tenants access many thousands of pounds in unclaimed benefits. Rhonda mentioned the new My Home portal, nearly 400 tenants are now using the site and we have received very positive feedback. Rhonda mentioned the community grants scheme, which had been launched three years ago and has supported a wide range of community organisations.

Jim then thanked the staff at Ayrshire Housing for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication over the past year. He mentioned how staff members go the extra mile and often take part in activities outwith working hours. Examples of these include; attending the annual SAC Communities Fun Day and taking part in community litter picks etc.

Rhonda then advised that three members of Ayrshire Housing staff had been with the association for 20 years. She presented Caroline Donald and Jim Whiston with a gift and flowers. She also thanks Murray Paton, who could not attend the AGM.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 5 September 2018

The attendees were provided with a pack containing the Minute of the AGM held on 5 September 2018. Rhonda asked the attendees to give a show of hands confirming if they were in agreement with the Minutes. The Minutes were duly approved.

3. Appointment of Board Members

Rhonda invited Jim Sinclair of Armstrongs to announce the results of the Board elections. In the Tenant category, there were four candidates for two places. There was a 10% turnout with 184 votes cast. Jim advised that Georgina Dawson and Amanda Bryan had been elected. In the Community category, there were three candidates for two places. There was a 34% turnout with 16 votes cast. Jim confirmed that Mike Tomlinson and Simon Leslie had been re-elected.

Rhonda welcomed Georgina, Mike and Simon back to the Board and introduced Amanda Bryan, our new tenant member. Rhonda also gave thanks to Jordan Dunlop, who had taken up an interim vacancy as a tenant member, for his time and input over the last few months. Thanks were also given to Zak McJannet and Emma McLaughlin who had also applied to join the Board.

4. Audit Report

Rhonda welcomed Jim Sinclair of Armstrongs. Jim presented the Auditor’s Report for the year ended 31 March 2019 and explained that it is the duty of the auditor to report to the Trustees on the truth and fairness of the Accounts and of their compliance with the various Acts which govern the disclosure requirements. Jim explained that he performed a variety of tests throughout the audit to check our systems and was pleased to report that, on completion of the audit, he had found no significant issues. This was reflected in the Management Letter presented to the Trustees.

Jim confirmed that the financial statements give a true and fair view and have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant acts.

Jim advised that he will be retiring soon so this was his last Audit report for the association. He gave thanks to Alan, Debbie and Caroline for all their help over the years.

The Annual Accounts, the Audit Report and Trustees’ Report were accepted by the Members present.

The Annual Accounts were signed by Rhonda Leith, Mike Tomlinson and, as Company Secretary, Alan Park.

5. Resignation of Armstrongs, Chartered Accountants

The attendees noted the retiral of Armstrongs and Rhonda recommended that the Board would be delegated to appoint a new Auditor. The members present agreed to this.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

Chairperson

Date

