



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AYRSHIRE HOUSING, HELD AT
119 MAIN STREET, AYR ON WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER AT 4.30PM

Present: **Community**
Alice Craig
Kelsey Kane
Simon Leslie (Chair)
Mike Tomlinson

Tenants
Margaret Green
Anne Kerr
Rae Middleton
Adam Robertson
Graham Robertson
Mary Rogers
Robin Sealy
Shirley Sealy
C Sheppard
Marcus Tindal-Wiles

In attendance
Anne Cameron – Member by Teams
Kirsten Anderson
Dawn Bigham
Kirsty Broadfoot (Minute)
Kevin Booth (Alexander Sloan) – Teams
Caroline Donald
Jacqueline Dunlop – Teams
Shonya Gibson
Joanne Maclellan
Jen McCann
Alan Park
Wendy Smith
Carine Strain
Samantha Strain
Debbie Thompson - Teams
Ann Tosh
Jim Whiston
Margaret Woods
Carol Young

1. Introduction

Board Chair Simon Leslie welcomed everyone to the meeting. He spoke about the success of the Local and mentioned how popular the space had been with local community groups. Weekly activities are held for tenants and their friends and we have also hosted a Burns' Supper, craft events and much more. We are hosting an event on 13 September to celebrate Scottish Housing

Day. This will also incorporate an appreciation of the murals that grace the building in conjunction with Newton Tenants and Residents Association.

Simon then provided the attendees with an update on the latest tenant survey. He noted that results were still positive despite all the setbacks to our service due to Covid and disruptions with the construction sector. He went on to highlight that we have seen an improvement in repairs completion times recently. We are responding to the cost-of-living crisis in several ways: by aiming to keep rent increases as low as possible and providing as much support to tenants as we can. We were successful in gaining over £100,000 in external grants for a range of services and practical support. This has included housing support services, fuel vouchers, shopping cards as well as energy and money saving items.

Simon noted that most of our developments have been delayed due to rising costs. However, we were delighted that Troon was completed in late 2022. There has been a delay to the completion time of our development in Ayr's Carrick Street. We are working closely with the Gaiety Theatre to organise a naming event.

Simon went on to confirm that Kelsey Kane was stepping down from the Board and thanked her for her time. He presented her with a small gift.

Simon then moved on to the formal business of the AGM. He welcomed those present to the meeting which he confirmed was quorate. It was noted that the proxies had been granted to the Chair of the meeting by the following members: Amanda Bryan, Anne Wason, Georgina Dawson, Bobby Pyper.

He also welcomed those that were observing the meeting through MS Teams. He indicated that they were welcome to ask questions through this medium.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 7 September 2022

The Minute was accepted as a true record.

3. Appointment of Board Members

In the community category it was confirmed that Gemma Collins and Bobby Pyper had been re-elected and were joined by Alice Craig who was a former tenant member. Simon also thanked the unsuccessful candidates for their interest – Anna Devlin, Chloe McRoberts and Adrian Munn. In the tenant category, Georgina Dawson and Anne Wason rejoined the Board and they are joined by George Bain and Rae Middleton.

4. Audit Report

Simon welcomed Kevin Booth of Alexander Sloan to present his report via Ms-Teams on the Annual Accounts, the Audit Report and Trustees' Report. Kevin confirmed that these are satisfactory and represented a true and fair view of the association's financial circumstances. These were noted by the Members present.

5. Appointment of the Auditor

The attendees endorsed the continuing engagement of Alexander Sloan as auditor.

Simon then formally closed the AGM so that the EGM could take place.

Presentations were made to the winners and runners up of the garden and pet competitions.

Simon presented Carol Young and Alan Park with gifts in recognition of their 20 years of service with the association. He also presented Ann Tosh with gifts following her 21 years of service. It was noted that Paula Hunter had also been with the company for 20 years, she was unable to attend the AGM but would be presented with her gift.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 5pm.

Chairperson

Date