ABERTAY HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Wednesday 21 September 2022 14:10

Present: Kath Mands, Ron Neave, Denis Brown, Paul Crichton, Alan Fraser, Teresa Robertson, Ian Byers and Kevin Braidwood (via Teams).

In Attendance: Barry Moore (CE), Marjorie Sloan (CSD and Secretary) and Roz Clark (CSO).

22/09/01 Apologies

Vicki Cutler and Darren Keddie

The CSD welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced Kevin to the Board Members, and they welcomed him.

The CSD explained that as Secretary she would Chair the meeting as it was at this meeting that the new Chair and Vice-Chair would be appointed.

22/09/02 Declarations of Conflicting Interests

There were no declarations of conflicting interests.

22/09/03 Chair's Actions/Decisions between meetings.

The CE and CSD confirmed that there were none.

22/09/04 Election of Office Bearers

The CSD explained the election and appointment of Office Bearers would be conducted using the new Rules as agreed at the SGM held in September 2021.

Appointment of Chair

The CSD confirmed that she had received one nomination for Chair. She asked whether any other Board Members wished to be considered for the role of Chair and there were no further nominations.

Ron was asked to leave the room. The Board had a constructive and detailed discussion about the merits of the previous Vice-Chair taking on the role of Chair. It was agreed his vast experience in his previous role would be an asset.

The Board unanimously **agreed** to the **appointment** of Ron Neave as Chair.

Ron returned to the meeting. He was asked whether he would be willing to take on the role of Chair. Ron confirmed that he was willing to take on the role of Chair.

Appointment of Vice-Chair

The CSD confirmed that she had received one nomination for Vice-Chair. She asked whether any other Board Members wished to be considered for the role of Vice-Chair and there were no further nominations.

Kath was asked to leave the room. The Board had a detailed and constructive discussion about the merits of the previous Chair taking on the role of Vice-Chair. It was agreed that her vast experience in her previous role would be an asset and that she would be an excellent mentor and support for Ron in his role as Chair.

The Board unanimously **agreed** to the **appointment** of Kath Mands as Vice-Chair.

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Kath returned to the meeting. She was asked whether she would be willing to take on the role of Vice-Chair. Kath confirmed that she was willing to take on the role of Vice-Chair.

Ron thanked the Board and highlighted how much he was looking forward to the challenge of being Chair. Kath also thanked the Board for her appointment as Vice-Chair and offered her unswerving support to Ron.

22/09/05 Election of Sub-Committees and Secretary

The Secretary reported that in 2019 the Management Committee (now Board) had agreed that the CSD would carry out the role of Secretary. As this appointment is made on an annual basis the Board were asked to confirm the CSD's appointment as Secretary for the year 2022/23.

Board **confirmed** the appointment of the CSD as Secretary for the year 2022/23.

The Secretary confirmed that five Members, Denis, Paul, Vicki, Kath and Kevin had put their names forward to join the Audit, Finance and Risk Management Committee (AF&RMC) and it was proposed that they were all appointed.

Board **confirmed** the appointment of Denis, Paul, Vicki, Kath and Kevin to the AF&RMC.

The Secretary confirmed that five Members, Ian, Alan, Ron, Darren and Kath had put their names forward to join the Asset Management and Development Committee (AM&DC) and it was proposed that they were all appointed.

Board **confirmed** the appointment of Ian, Alan, Ron, Darren and Kath to the AM&DC.

It was noted that Board Members who had not been appointed to either Sub-Committee were very welcome to attend meetings, although they would not have the same rights as actual Members of the Sub-Committees.

22/09/06 25th Anniversary

The CE talked through the report highlighting that the Association was working with Longhaugh Primary School to produce a commemorative calendar which would be sent to all tenants. He reported that the Tenant Involvement Officer was engaging with tenants who had lived in one of the Association's properties in excess of 25 years to obtain stories which could be featured on the website, in social media and in the next Abertalk newsletter. All tenants who fitted into this category would also be put in a prize draw for 25 tenants who would receive a £25 voucher. Board **noted** the report.

22/09/07 AOB

The CE picked up on previous discussions in respect of a proactive policy to purchase back properties, which had been sold under the now abolished Right to Buy, and informed Members that the policy will be presented to Board in October. The current policy allows for the Association to acquire a property where the Association owns all but one property in a block. He reported that a property had become available in a block where we own all but two, 2/L 2 Fintry Mains, and if purchased would mean the Association owned 5 out of 6 properties. He reported that it was likely that the Association would be in a good position to purchase the final property in the block when it became available. He talked through the rationale of for such a proactive strategy whereby the Association would actively seek to purchase properties where one or two were privately owned. There followed discussion on the merits

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of owning all properties in blocks. The CE asked Board for approval to purchase the property at 2/L 2 Fintry Mains. Detailed and constructive discussion took place. Board **approved** the purchase of property 2/L 2 Fintry Mains.

Meeting closed at 14.40hrs.