

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Community Energy Scotland Limited held via Zoom on Monday, 15 April 2024 at 12 noon**

<b>Directors Present</b>	Philip Revell, David Somervell, Angus Hardie, Calum Macdonald, Gillian Hurding, Aameena Camps, Artemis Pana
<b>Chair</b>	Philip Revell
<b>In Attendance (CES)</b>	Laura Walker-Knowles, Rona Mackay, Zoe Holliday, Cameron Duff, Eibhlin Norquoy, Victoria Mackay, Beatriz Maroto, Matthew Logan
<b>In Attendance (Member Register)</b>	Aameena Camps, Carola Bell, Angela MacKellar, Calum Macdonald, Euan Scott, Philip Revell, David Somervell, Peter Long, DJ MacSween, Neil Barnes, Angus Hardie, David Somervell, Stuart Williams, Ellie Logan
<b>Proxies:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Minutes</b>	Laura Walker-Knowles
<b>Apologies</b>	Mark Hull
<b>Member Groups</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Non-members</b>	<b>16</b>

## **1. WELCOME**

The Chair informed the meeting that as 13 full member groups were present, the meeting was therefore quorate and **DECLARED** the meeting formally **OPEN**.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair referred to the full Chair's Report in the Financial Statements to 31 March 2023.

## **3. UNAPPROVED MINUTE OF AGM HELD 10 MARCH 2023**

Calum Macdonald **PROPOSED** and Aameena Camps **SECONDED** and the Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 10 March 2023 were **AGREED** as a correct record without any further amendment and **APPROVED** and signed by the Chair.

## **4. CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022/2023**

A link to the accounts had been circulated to attendees and Zoe Holliday, Chief Executive Officer gave a brief summary of the Annual Accounts for year ending 31 March 2023.

## 5. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

**Elected Director** Philip Revell stood down and retired from the Board.

**Elected Director** Calum Macdonald stood down as required by the constitution and was nominated for re-election. Nominations had also been received from Maureen McDonald-Cooke, Artemis Pana and Nigel Burgess.

There were four vacancies for elected directors and therefore no requirement for an election.

As no election was necessary, Calum Macdonald, Maureen McDonald-Cooke and Artemis Pana were duly appointed as Directors. Philip Revell **PROPOSED** the appointment of the above and present Members and Directors **SECONDED**.

**Co-opted Directors**, Gillian Hurding, Angus Hardie and David Somervell were required to step down. Angus Hardie and David Somervell would not be re-standing.

Heartfelt thanks were given and noted to Philip Revell for his time as Director and Chair and to David Somervell and the longest serving Director, Angus Hardie.

Thanks were also given to Neil Barnes and Donald Boyd who had both retired earlier this year.

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS BY PROXY

N/A

## 7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Mackenzie Kerr were recommend as auditors and therefore re-appointed, **PROPOSED** by Philip Revell and **SECONDED** by Calum Macdonald.

## 8. RE-APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED DIRECTORS

Philip Revell **PROPOSED** the appointment Gillian Hurding as Co-opted Director and present Members and Directors **SECONDED**. Gillian Hurding was re-appointed to the Board.

## 9. AOCB

Victoria Mackay, Projects Manager, presented the State of the Sector project for 2024. The work is in conjunction with Community Energy England and Community Energy Wales, with the basis of getting out there all the important work that is being done with community energy. This year rather than a survey, users are invited to add their information to the portal. This includes where projects are located along with the technologies which is hoped will aid mapping the information across the UK. Victoria demonstrated how the site works.

It is expected the portal will evolve over time and will constantly be updated with the intention of organisations completing it over a year, rather than the previous short timeframe. All community groups were encouraged to participate with any relevant information, no matter how small.

Directors and attendees thanked Victoria for the presentation and work being undertaken.

There was a further discussion in relation to the allocation of benefit in the UK outside of the private sector. ZH highlighted CES's Policy Manager, Kristopher Leask, is working on drafting text to respond to the recent barriers consultation and will be seeking input from members as well as providing suggested text for members to respond directly. It was noted that DESNZ has aimed their consultation at English groups but many UK wide policies are causing difficulties for Scottish groups and this is an opportunity to raise awareness of this. CES is committed to advocating on behalf of community groups and all ideas and suggestions are welcome. Zoe reassured that our policy work is done on behalf of members and evidence such as information given to us by our members and data collected through the State of the Sector is essential to highlight barriers and campaign for change. The barriers consultation came out of last years' campaigning with Power for People; the amendments within the Energy Bill were abandoned at the last minute but work behind the scenes with P4P resulted in this consultation.

David Somervell thanked Philip for his time as Director and Chair and highlighted it had been difficult following Nicholas Gubbins' departure and Philip had been tremendous and exceptional in his leadership and CES was in a good position; Board members agreed and thanked all the Directors and staff too.

The AGM finished at 1 p.m.