

WIRRAL METHODIST HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS, HELD AT THE LAURIES, 142 CLAUGHTON ROAD, BIRKENHEAD, CH41 6EY ON FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10AM.

The Chief Executive Paul Carhart welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting 2024 and noted that this was the Association 60th Anniversary year. Paul set out what the meeting and subsequent tenant engagement session would include before handing over to the Chair of the Board Bryan McPaul.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

54 people attended the meeting including tenants, Board Members, staff, shareholders and friends of the Association, and apologies were received from the following:

Cllr George Davies – Wirral BC
Lisa Newman – Wirral BC
Carole Barnett – shareholder
Judy Edwards – shareholder
Rita Burns - shareholder

The Chair welcomed Louise Casey from Mitchell Charlesworth and Ellie Griffiths the Deacon from Woodchurch Methodist Church, and the tenants who had attended.

The Chair noted that since the last meeting there had been a number of deaths.

Frank Field, Baron Field of Birkenhead and former MP and supported of WMHA died in April of this year.

Ken Isherwood, shareholder and supporter of the Association passed away in 2023.

Stephen Ford – tenant of WMHA who had spoken at previous AGM died recently.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 29th SEPTEMBER 2023

The minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings.

Proposer – John Morgan

Seconded by – Sandra Simmons

The meeting approved the minutes.

3. NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising however the Chair noted that the appointment of External Auditors, Mitchell Charlesworth at the 2023 AGM also included for the forthcoming year to March 2025.

4. RECEIVE THE CHAIR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF WIRRAL METHODIST HOUSING ASSOCIATION 2023/24

The Chair of the Board presented the activities of Wirral Methodist Housing Association during the last financial year.

The achievements of the Association over the last 60 years were reflected on, and the link to the Methodist church continues today. The Chair noted that the ethos has remained the same since 1964 and the Association is dedicated to helping those in housing need.

The Chair thanked the work of the small and dedicated staff team and commended the meeting the Customer Annual Report that set out what had been achieved and delivered over the last year.

The Chair's report was noted.

5. UPDATE ON BOARD COMPOSITION

The Chair provided an update on the composition of the Board and noted that no members were at the end of their three-year term and seeking re – election.

The Chair did however note that David Smith has come to the end of his second term of three years and will be stepping down from the Board. David's significant contribution to the Board and both Committees was noted alongside David's enthusiastic support and involvement with tenant activities and support for staff.

A presentation was made to David thanking him for all his hard work.

The Chair also noted that he had advised the board of his intention to step down as Chair and confirmed that a rigorous external process had taken place to identify a new board member and Chair designate. This process had concluded, and John Donnellon was appointed to the Board. John was presented to the meeting, and it was noted that he would now take on the Chair role.

The Chair's report on the composition of the Board was noted.

6. RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024

Mark Lowe, Director of Finance and Resources, presented the annual report and financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2024. The accounts have been audited by Mitchell Charlesworth, and accordingly have now been signed as a true record by the Board.

The accounts were presented to shareholders at the Annual General Meeting for approval.

Mark asked the meeting to vote in favour of accepting the annual accounts for the Association for the financial year 2023/2024.

This was approved by Tom Sault and seconded by David Smith and approved by the shareholders present.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting was brought to a close at 10.30am.

Date of next meeting 19th September 2025