

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting: Members' Forum AGM
 Date: Tuesday 23 April 2019
 Time: 6.00pm – 6.30pm
 Venue: Didcot Civic Hall

Present

Aurora Acone	Gerald Prior
Victor Breach	Val Kir
Trevor Brewerton	Edwina Lamond
Margaret Buckell	Richard Mandunya
Carole Burchett	John Smelt
Vanessa Churchward	Deborah Wills
Bertie Doy	Don Harrison
Sue Such	Paul Revell
Peter Haynes	Jennifer Britton
Sean Godfrey	David Wilkins

Also in attendance

Kate Wareing, Chief Executive
 Maureen Adams, Director of Customer Services & Operations
 Jackie Logan, Resident Involvement Manager
 Andrea Bain, Resident Involvement Officer
 Eliane Pony, Rental Income Officer
 Chelsea Sleep, Co-regulation Administrative Assistant

1 Apologies for Absence

Trish Langford, Josie Midwinter

2 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM from 6 September 2018 were approved.

3 Introduction from Chief Executive

Kate welcomed the residents to the AGM. She then presented Soha's vision which is "to be a leading community housing association where residents and staff shape a sustainable future." She explained that Soha tries to ensure they are doing their best at meeting housing need and investing in communities. Kate reported this AGM is important as it is the first AGM of the new Members' Forum. She reported on Soha's journey to becoming a mutual. There were 24 Shareholders pre October 2017, there are now 545 members. Soha's ambition is for the number of members to increase to 1000 within the next two years and for

membership to be opened up to staff. Staff will be the minority with up to 15% of all members being staff.

Kate then presented:

- Soha's Governance Structure and Soha's Engagement Structure.
- Soha's values: Put people first, achieve more together, look for opportunities and have high standards.
- Soha's objectives and how far Soha have achieved these
- A chart showing Soha's value for money
- Soha's vision

Kate thanked all residents for their engagement and contribution to Soha Housing.

4 Chairs Report

Val reported on the work of the Members' Forum since the last AGM in September 2018. The Forum have spent a lot of time on making key decisions about how the Members' Forum will work such as: how many forum members there should be when the new forum is elected, how many roles Forum members can have apart from being on the Members' Forum and how the new Members' Forum will sit alongside existing ways in which residents can engage with Soha. Val reported that the Forum decided the new Members' Forum will be elected for an initial 1 year period and then in the future will have staggered terms of office. This is in order to enable new people to join the forum as we continue to develop it over the next year.

Val then reported on the election process. The Electoral Reform Society ran the Members' Forum elections. All original Forum members stood down and those wishing to be on the new forum stood for election, alongside residents that had not been on the forum before.

5 Adoption of the Members' Forum Constitution

The Members present voted to adopt the Members' Forum Constitution.

6 Resignation & Election of the Members' Forum

Val thanked the old Forum Members' for their hard work. She then announced the results of the election. The old Forum resigned and Kate took over the meeting in the absence of a chair. The Members present then voted in the new Members' Forum.

The residents elected onto the Members' Forum are:

- Aurora Acone
- Trevor Brewerton
- Jennifer Britton
- Margaret Buckell
- Vanessa Churchward
- Bertie Doy

- Sean Godfrey
- Peter Haynes
- Val Kir
- Trish Langford
- Richard Mandunya
- Gerald Prior
- Paul Revell
- John Smelt
- Sue Such
- David Wilkins
- Deborah Wills

Number of eligible voters, 411

Votes cast by post, 69

Votes cast online, 88

Total number of votes cast, 38.2%

Total number of valid votes counted, 157

The Members' Forum who stood down tonight were thanked by the meeting for their service and stewardship.

The formal meeting closed at 6.30pm and was followed by the thankyou event and an informal dinner for all attendees.

Date of the next meeting

Thursday 23 April 2020

Signed..... Date.....
Chair of Tenants' Forum