



MINUTES

Present: AS on meeting register

1. Welcome and introduction

Stephen Hill, Chair of UKCN Board of Directors, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Establishing a quorum and clarification of voting procedures

The meeting was declared quorate. Stephen clarified speaking and voting procedures.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were confirmed.

4. Special resolution

Phil McGeevor, Vice Chair, proposed an amendment to include the wording “to have effect from the end of this meeting” to the Special Resolution, to read as follows:

“It is resolved that the articles of association attached to this resolution be adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing articles of association, to have effect at the end of this meeting”

Members voted 21 in favour of the amended resolution, 0 against. The resolution was carried.

5. Presentation of audited annual accounts to March 2018

Stephen presented the Audited annual accounts in the absence of Neil Stephens, Treasurer, and proposed that they be adopted by members.

Seconded by Angela Vincent

Members voted 20 in favour and 0 against. The audited accounts were adopted.

6. Confirmation of retiring Directors and nominations to board vacancies

Angela Vincent and Jackie Carpenter retired and nominated to be re-elected to the Board.

As Dan Dunleavy and Neil Stephenson are individual members, the Board appointed them as Directors.



Under the new rule adopted by the meeting, the number of Directors has been expanded to 12.

Stephen Hill is proposing to stand down in May.

The March newsletter will thus announce five vacancies and invite nominations for the vacant directorships, which will then be announced in the May newsletter.

Both Angela and Jackie were re-elected.

7. 2018-19 Annual report

Stephen gave a short presentation on the Network's role in the Community Housing Fund. The Network has received funds to employ an executive director to take a strategic role in managing the Community Housing Fund and Power to Change 'Homes in Community Hands' funding for the Trust. It is also proposed to employ a co-living officer to build the capacity of the Network. A copy of the presentation will be placed on the website.

8. Open discussion

Chris Coates announced that he and Martin Field are intending to produce a Second Edition of Diggers and Dreamers.

Julian Howell: Sussex Cohousing has submitted a substantial bid through the Community Housing Fund. They are bidding on sites, but finding this a challenge.

Bill Phelps: Chapeltown Cohousing, Leeds. They were awarded £1m from Housing Infrastructure Fund to deal with contamination and are about to buy a site.

Angela Vincent: Kent Cohousing are working with the Right to Build taskforce. They are also involved with Ebbsfleet Garden City to secure some land within the development. There is an opportunity for involvement in an intergenerational housing project.

Phil McGeevor: Cannock Mill, Colchester. They are hoping to be moving into the development in May.

Rhiannon: Still Green. They are going to a workshop tomorrow with the Right to Build Taskforce. They are still trying to identify a site, focusing on Milton Keynes.

Bruford Low from ICLIHAR. They are looking for a site in Wales.

Jackie Carpenter: invited any groups who are interested in sustainability to form a sub-group with her.

Deborah Glass Woodin: Oxford. There is a real opportunity to work with councils on climate change and sustainability.

Josie: OWCH. Welcomed the idea of employing a Co-living officer

Maria Brenton, Senior Cohousing Ambassador, gave a report on her recent engagements at conferences to promote cohousing.

Stephen Hill: News of the Dartmouth Park Cohousing project, now named Fleet Coho – hoping to make an offer for a site in partnership with Town, the developer partner at Marmalade Lane

Martin Field talked about the opportunity to present cohousing as a neighbourhood approach, not just collaborative housing.

9. Any other business and close

Stephen thanked members for coming to the meeting.

Phil McGeevor thanked Stephen for his contribution as Chair of the UKCN.

Jackie clarified the time commitment of a Director as approximately six days per year (currently), comprising three or four board meetings per year, Skype calls and reading relevant material.

Stephen invited members to stop into the Royal Oak pub and declared the meeting closed at 17.20pm.