



## **Annual General Meeting**

**Southside Community Centre, Edinburgh**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Present (15 Members)**

MD Alam Noor, Nahid Aslam, Celia Borland, Joanna Boyce, David Campagna, Nila Joshi, Tom King, Kavita Lal, Isobel Leckie, Christopher Ludlam, Farah Maryam, Helen Ratcliffe, Susan Robertson, Lisa Sibbald, Neill Walker and Ghopal Chaudury.

### **Present (Observer)**

Jake Curley (Art Class), Cllr P Flannery (Lib Dem), Cllr T Pogson (Labour), Cllr S Burgess (Green), Cllr S Kumar (SNP), Jian Lau (Goodies Charity), Helen (Coorie In) and Celia Barton.

**Minute Taker** - Rosalind Hardie (Development Worker)

**Chair** - Nahid Aslam

#### **1. Apologies**

Alistair Lees, Samba Sene, Molly Ludlam, Alec Millar, Fiona Harrison, Joan Robertson

#### **2. Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes**

These were approved as an accurate record

#### **3. Approval of 2023 EGM Minutes**

These were approved as an accurate record.

#### **4 Chairperson's report**

The Chair outlined some of the activities of the SCIO during the past year. She reminded the meeting that at last year's AGM it was decided to apply to be a SCIO and transfer all the assets of the charity to it. This had been successfully accomplished and at the EGM Trustees were elected to serve on the new Management Committee. To help promote the Centre for a six month period a Development Worker had appointed. The Coorie-Inn café project had again provided a welcome warm space during the winter months for local residents. To develop the Hall four lighting trusses and stage lights had been purchased and installed. The UK Prosperity Fund had given a grant to support the development of the Centre's front Garden and a worker had been employed to lead this work. The Centre was pleased to welcome back Zoo during the Fringe, after its absence due to the Covid pandemic.

#### **5 Annual Accounts Non SCIO**

The Treasurer's report was received and noted

#### **6 Annual Accounts SCIO**

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**Isobel Leckie** moved formal vote of thanks to outgoing Management Committee for all their hard work.

## **7 Setting membership fee for 2023/24**

The meeting agreed that the membership fee for 2023/24 should be set at zero

Participants then discussed how visitors to the centre were encouraged to join the SCIO and what “benefits” came from membership.

## **8 Election of New Trustees**

For this section of the meeting, Nahid Aslam stood down and Cllr Burgess took the Chair.

The following six Trustees were nominated in advance in line with the agreed arrangement:

- Neill Walker
- Fiona Harrison
- Christopher Ludlam
- Nahid Aslam
- Nila Joshi
- Samba Sene

An additional two nominations were made at the meeting:

- Farrah Maryam
- Lisa Sibbald

The meeting agreed unanimously to the appointment of these eight individuals as Trustees  
Joanna Boyce nominated MD Noor Alam from the floor. After some discussion as to whether he should be an associate or a Trustee, he stated that he wished to be a Trustee. As there were still places available on the Management Committee, the Chair did not put this nomination to the vote.

NA, as Chair of the SCIO, closed the meeting by thanking Cllr Burgess and all those who attended for their presence and contributions.