



CUNNINGHAME
HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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SUMMER 2020

Share Members' Edition

WELCOME to the Summer 2020 edition of our Share Members' newsletter which will give you details of the Association's news over the past six months. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and will enter our competition.

Annual General Meeting

Important Date for your Diary!

CHA's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 2.15pm. This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will be holding our AGM virtually. You should have received your AGM pack in the post by now with all the details.

We want to ensure everyone stays safe therefore we require you to let us know in advance if you intend to join the meeting, a form was included in your pack for completion **Form P**. Please ensure you complete and send us Form P by **26th August 2020** to confirm your attendance. We very much hope that you can attend the meeting virtually.

At the AGM you will receive a presentation covering the Review of the Year, which will highlight the activities of the Association over the past 12 months. In addition to this you will receive the Annual Audited Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION?

Annual General Meeting – Date for your diary!
Making Our Communities Better Places Fund
Awards Finalists

...and much more!

Special General Meeting

Prior to the AGM we will be holding a virtual Special General Meeting to gain member support for the adoption of the proposed new rules. Again, you will have received your SGM pack in the post by now with all the details.

The Special General Meeting will also be presented virtually so again make sure you complete Form P and return by **26th August 2020** to confirm your attendance.

As a postal vote is required to gain member support for the adoption of the proposed new rules a Ballot Paper was included in your SGM pack. Please ensure that you complete your Ballot Paper and return back to us by **5.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2020**.

If you have any questions you would like raised at either the AGM or SGM please complete FORM Q and return to CHA who will reply whether you attend the meeting or not.

GENERAL NEWS

Frank Sweeney Celebrates 30 Years' Service

January 2020 marked Frank's 30 years' service with CHA. Commenting on his long service he said, "Over the years I have been fortunate to have worked with some excellent staff and board members who have worked hard in delivering the Associations 35 years ongoing success by being "More Than Just A Landlord" and making our communities better places. The first thirty years have just flown by. I am now looking forward to the next 30!"



After holding several senior positions within the housing sector Frank joined the then Three Towns Housing Association in January 1990 as its Director. In 1990 the Association changed its name to Cuninghame Housing Association.

Since 1990 he has with his Board of Management, led Cuninghame Housing Association (then with 65 properties) to continuous success and it is now regarded as one of the leading housing associations and social enterprises in Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway with approximately 3000 affordable housing properties in management. 450 factored properties and two subsidiary companies (Citrus Energy Ltd and Cuninghame Furniture Recycling Company).

Long Service Awards 2019

On 29th November 2019 the Association held its third Long Service Awards ceremony to recognise the Board of Management and Staff members who had achieved 15- and 20-years continuous service with the Association. Four members of staff qualified for the long service awards receiving their awards at the official ceremony held at the Waterside Hotel.

The Association's Chairperson Janet Strang received an award for 25 years' service.



The Association's Chairperson Janet Strang receiving her award for 25 years' service.

A further 6 staff members qualified for the prestigious EVH 30 Years continuous service award with some of them accepting their award at the ceremony.



Pictures left to right: Susan Howe, Mhairi Stakim, Gina Burley, Robert Houston, Frank Sweeney, Linda McNeillie, Janet Strang, Jan Nelson, Karen Agnew, Jennifer Brady, Melanie Grierson.

The Association showcased its 35th Anniversary film at the awards ceremony which received a standing ovation from the crowd. The film is available for viewing via the Associations website.



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Making Our Communities Better Places Fund

In December 2019 Janet Strang, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £1000 to Ryan Henry to assist with his competition costs for this season. Ryan trains locally in Saltcoats with North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club (NATTC) and is currently going through an application to gain his coaching license. He has successfully represented GBR in many international competitions and recently won a bronze medal whilst competing in the Para TT Mexico Open. Ryan is also studying for a BA in Sports Coaching and Development at the University of West of Scotland.

Janet Strang Chairperson commented "We are delighted to be able to support 19-year-old Ryan Henry who is currently the Men's Singles Champion of the Scottish National Disability Championships."



CHA Chairperson, Janet Strang and Ryan Henry

In October 2019 Callum Adam, Development Manager of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £500 to the Lockerbie Squash & Racket ball Club to assist them with funding from the Associations "Making Our Communities a Better Place Fund".

Lockerbie Squash & Racket ball Club, a community amateur sports club are committed to helping the community to participate in physical activities and to promote health lifestyles.

The club organised a week-long come and try session of squash and racket ball to fit in with the

World Squash Day 2019 which was open to all ages.



CHA Development Manager presenting a cheque to Lockerbie Squash & Racket ball Club

Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive commented "We are delighted to be able to support a local club which encourage exercise and offer opportunities for social interaction to lonely and isolated people as well as trying out a new sport."

In October 2019 John Kelly, Vice Chair of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £1,000 to Darvel Music Company to assist with their "coming of age" 18th anniversary concerts which was held in November 2019.



Vice Chair John Kelly and Group CEO Frank Sweeney presenting a cheque to members of Darvel Music Festival

John Kelly, Vice Chair commented "Cunninghame Housing Association is delighted to be able to support Darvel Music Company".

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Longpark, Kilmarnock – Phase 7

In January 2020 Provost Todd of East Ayrshire Council performed the official closing ceremony to the 20-year regeneration of the Longpark area in Kilmarnock.

Cunninghame Housing Association first became involved in Longpark in 1999 following a transfer of undertakings from the then Longpark Ownership Co-operative, Kilmarnock.

The site was included within East Ayrshire Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and funding was committed to this project to deliver new houses on the site and complete the regeneration of Longpark.

The new build homes were delivered as a Design & Build contract with CCG Scotland Ltd as the main contractor with work commencing on site on 3rd September 2018.



Pictured left to right, Frank Sweeney, CEO of CHA, Councillor Ian Grant, Janet Strang, Chair CHA, David Wylie, Managing Director of CCG, Provost Jim Todd, Fiona Lees, CEO of East Ayrshire Council, Councillor Maureen McKay, Calum Murray, Director CCG

The last remaining block was handed back to the Association on Wednesday 27th November 2019. A total of 48 new units for rent on the site which comprised of a total of 28 houses and 20 cottage flats (a mixture of two and three bedroom properties). Included within this are 13 single storey bungalows who accommodate clients who have amenity needs and those who require wheelchair designed accommodation.

All the properties were allocated to applicants on the East Ayrshire Common Housing Register.

The Design Team involved with this new build project were:

- MAST Architects
- TCS Construction Consultants

The total works costs of £6.3m was funded by £3.7m in Scottish Government Housing Association Grant funding and £2.6 m in private finance from the Association.

The delivery of this final phase of new build development completed the overall regeneration of the Longpark estate and the significant investment made to date by our strategic partners, East Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government.



Pictured left to right: Frank Sweeney, CHA CEO and Provost Jim Todd, EAC

Provost Jim Todd of East Ayrshire commented “I really enjoyed visiting Bute Street where Cunninghame Housing have just built some beautiful houses. The residents I met are clearly delighted with their new homes and with the surrounding green spaces which make the whole area a lovely place to live.”

Sharphill, Saltcoats

In February 2020 Leader of North Ayrshire Council, Joe Cullinane carried out the official ceremony to mark the start of Cunninghame Housing Association's new build project Phase 4 at Sharphill, Saltcoats.

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The Association built new housing at Phases 1 & 2 which were completed in 2010, with phase three completed by McTaggart Construction in 2018. A total of 87 new homes have been delivered over the three phases. We were therefore keen to continue with the provision of new houses at Sharphill and we secured Phase 4 in 2017 with a view to building another 76 new homes for rent.



Pictured (left to right) Cllr Jean McClung and her granddaughter, Joe Cullinane Leader of North Ayrshire Council, Willie Gibson CHA Chair Development Services Sub Committee, Cllr Ronnie McNicol, Linda Anderson CHA Executive Director Development Services, Janet Strang CHA Chair and Frank Sweeney CEO CHA.

The Phase 4 site had been incorporated within North Ayrshire Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan as it is considered to be a site which will deliver homes within an area where considerable demand exists for affordable housing. The site is being delivered with the support of our strategic partners North Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government.

Contract Value

The overall development costs are £12.3m. The project will be funded by Scottish Government grant of £6.9m and a further £5.4m in private finance secured by Cunninghame Housing Association.

Design Team

The Design Team who have been engaged by the Association to deliver this new development comprise the following members:

- Architect – Anderson Bell Christie
- Quantity Surveyor – TCS Construction Consultants
- Structural Engineer – Goodson Associates
- Principal Designer – TCS Construction Consultants

Contractor

The main contractor for the work is Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd who are the Association's Framework Contractor who are delivering our new build programme across both Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway and will continue to do so over the next 5 year period.

Construction Works Programme

Overall contract completion is expected by July 2021 when the last properties will be returned to the Association.

Carrs Billington, Annan

On Tuesday 25th February 2020, Kevin Stewart, MSP Minister for Local Government and Housing, visited Cunningham Housing Association's new build project at the former Carrs Billington site, High Street, Annan to carry out the official closing ceremony.

Pictured (left to right) David Smith, Managing Director Ashleigh Construction, Frank Sweeney, CEO CHA, Janet Strang, Chair CHA, Cllr Elaine Murray, Leader of Dumfries & Galloway Council, Kevin Stewart, MSP



Minister for Local Government and Housing, Gavin Stevenson, CEO Dumfries & Galloway Council, Archie Dryburgh, Chair of Communities Committee, Willie Gibson, Chair of Development Sub Committee CHA, Joan McAlpine MSP, Colin Smyth MSP, Cllr Sean Marshall, Cllr Ian Carruthers

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On August 8, 2018 the Minister carried out the official launch of the new housing development. Approximately 16 months later the site has delivered 27 new homes in total, 22 of which are new build and five flats which have been created through the refurbishment of the existing red sandstone front building in the High Street across from the Town Hall.

This site has delivered 27 units in total, 22 of the units will be new build and 5 flats will be created through the refurbishment of the existing front building.

Commenting on the visit to the project Kevin Stewart, MSP Minister for Local Government and Housing, said: "Cunninghame Housing Association's new project in Annan will bring many benefits to the people of the town. These 27 new homes will provide much needed quality, affordable places to live and help to contribute to the local community and economy. "Through our Affordable Housing Supply Programme, we are on track to deliver 50,000 affordable homes by 2021, backed by record investment of more than £3 billion. This new development is a testament to the strong partnership working which demonstrates the reality and benefits of this commitment."



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and internal 360° walk through videos on our website: www.cunninghame-housing.org.

Cunninghame Housing Association have been confirmed as finalists in the Housing Heroes Awards 2020

The Association's HR Team have been shortlisted for the Central Service Team of the Year award.



Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive Officer of Cunninghame Housing Association said: "We are proud that the continued commitment and hard work of the Association's HR Team to deliver key services to all organisations within the Group and that this has been recognised in this year's Housing Heroes Awards. It's a great achievement for CHA and our HR Team."

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no live Housing Heroes awards ceremony will take place this year. Winners will instead be announced through a virtual ceremony on September 10th as part of the Chartered Institute of Housing's annual conference, this year held as a virtual festival.

The Investor in People Awards 2020 – Employer of the Year



The Cunninghame Group of Companies are proud to have been identified as one of the top 20 UK Platinum organisations this year for IIP.

This recognises that CHA Group of companies put their people first and demonstrates the hard-working staff that are employed with the Association.

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Cunninghame Housing Association have been shortlisted for the Outstanding Social Enterprise Award at the 2020 Dumfries & Galloway Business Awards

The Association has been shortlisted for the Outstanding Social Enterprise Award at the 2020 DG Business Awards.



The Awards Ceremony was due to take place on Friday 20th March 2020 at the Easterbrook Hall in Dumfries. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has been postponed. The Association await confirmation as to whether the ceremony will take place given the current situation or if it will be a virtual ceremony.

Cunninghame Housing Association have been shortlisted for the Annual Scottish Home Awards 2020

Cunninghame Housing Association are delighted to have been



shortlisted for various awards this year at the Scottish Home Awards:

- Housing Association of the Year
- Affordable Housing Development of the Year (Large, social rent) at the Halcrow Stadium Development in Gretna
- Affordable Housing Development of the Year (Mid-sized, social rent) Longpark, Phase 7 Development in Kilmarnock
- Housing Regeneration Project of the Year, Longpark, Phase 7 Development in Kilmarnock.
- Housing Regeneration Project of the Year, High Street, Annan Development.

The awards ceremony has been rescheduled to take place on October 2020 in Glasgow.

Cunninghame Housing Association have been shortlisted for Landlord of the Year at the UK Housing Awards

Cunninghame Housing Association has been shortlisted for the Landlord of the Year at the UK Housing Awards. Again, these have been postponed and are now rescheduled to take place in London on November 2020.



Christmas Newsletter Competition Winners

All correct Christmas newsletter competition entries received were put in a hat and first three winners were pulled as follows:

- 1st Prize** - £30.00 - Margaret Brown, Largs
- 2nd Prize** - £20.00 - Noreen Steele, Ardrossan
- 3rd Prize** - £10.00 - John Steele, Ardrossan

Why not have a go at our Summer newsletter competition!

Get Social with us!

To stay updated on all that's going on at CHA, please like & follow our Facebook page and check out our website. It's updated regularly with news, events and our new build developments in North & East Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway.

