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Board of Management Minutes

Date of Meeting: 24th March 2022

Please note that these minutes have been edited to remove any information relating to personal/confidential/commercially sensitive or of a personal nature.





Present	In Attendance
John Kelly (Chair)	Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive
Lesley Keenan	Jacqueline Cameron, Executive Director of Housing & Property Services
Janet Strang	Elaine Nimmo, Minute Secretary
John Nisbet	Kirsteen Wyllie, Minute Secretary
Elizabeth Shedden	
John McLaren	
Councillor Jim McMahon	
via (MS Teams)	
Brenda Johnstone	
Liam Loudon	
June Fenelon	
Brian McCabe	
Willie Gibson	

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	Apologies Apologies were received from Margaret Davison, Drew Hall and Councillor Jimmy Miller.	
2.	Chairperson's Remarks	
	 The Chair asked all Members to ensure that their mobile phones are switched off. As there were confidential items on the Agenda the Chair read out the following confidentiality statement: 	
	In compliance with the Regulatory Code of Governance and Board Members' Code of Conduct all items detailed in this notice as being confidential should not be discussed with any external party either prior to or after said meeting by any Member of the Board of Management.	
	All members should note that when the Group CEO/Executive Directors/Officers are giving or presenting their report that there will be no interruptions to allow them to finish their reports. Questions can be asked after the presentation.	
	3 The Chair reminded members of the Special Board of Management meeting scheduled for Thursday 31st March 2022 at 12.00 pm prior to the Citrus Board meeting. It was noted that given the number of apologies received for the Citrus meeting it will be rescheduled. Staff will check and advise members accordingly.	CEO
	4 The CEO advised members that the draft Engagement Plan from the Scottish Housing Regulator has been received and will be published next week. He confirmed that staff did not anticipate any problems providing the information requested.	
	5 The CEO advised the Board of the event being held by the Ardrossan	



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2.		Connection Project on 6 th April 2022 with regard to proposed future plans for Ardrossan. The CEO will arrange for staff to present the models of the proposed plans to Board of Management at a later date. Drone footage will also be issued to Board members for information.	CEO
	6	The Chair reminded members of the Dumfries & Galloway Business Awards 2022 on Friday 1st April 2022 at Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries. Staff will issue an email with full details of the event and clarify the dress code.	CEO
	7	The Chair advised that items 17 – 21 of the agenda will be taken have item 4 Requirements of the Writing (Scotland) Act 1995 to allow Jacqueline Cameron to leave the meeting.	
	8	The Chair advised members that Councillor Jim McMahon has confirmed he has left the meeting due to connection problems.	
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17.	Kilmarnock Office – Consultation Feedback The Executive Director of Housing & Property Services referred members to the previously circulated report and advised that the consultation process has now been completed with no enquiries being received, nor concerns raised, via the Association or the Longpark & Gladstone Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) regarding the permanent office closure.	
	 The Board of Management agreed: The permanent closure of the Cunninghame Housing Association office in Kilmarnock. To proceed with the conversion of the office into specialist accommodation, subject to planning consent and confirmation of grant funding through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme. 	Ex Dir HPS Ex Dir DS
18.	Dumfries & Galloway Council Young Peoples' Homeless Prevention Protocol The Executive Director of Housing & Property Services referred members to the previously circulated report and advised that Dumfries and Galloway Council has requested that participating housing associations in the area provide a statement of their 'Service Obligations' to support the prevention of homelessness in young and care experienced people. An updated table of Cunninghame Housing Association Service Obligations was put on screen which sets out a number of commitments pertaining to CHA and which will be provided to Dumfries and	



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18.	Galloway Council for inclusion in their Protocol subject to Board approval.	
	After discussion the Board of Management agreed to the Association submitting the proposed Service Obligations to the Dumfries and Galloway Council for inclusion in their Young Peoples' Homeless Prevention Protocol.	Dir of HPS
19.	Dumfries & Galloway Council Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control Homelessness Pathway and Protocol The Executive Director of Housing & Property Services referred members to the previously circulated report.	
	The Board of Management noted that should East Ayrshire Council approach Cunninghame Housing Association in the future to participate in a similar initiative, it is proposed that the commitments within North Ayrshire Council Domestic Abuse Policy be used to set out the Association's service obligations.	
	 After discussion the Board of Management agreed: To the Association adopting the 'North Ayrshire Domestic Abuse Policy – All Tenures' (Appendix 1) in all local authority areas in which it operates and continuing to be involved in its monitoring and review. To the Association submitting the proposed Service Obligations to Dumfries 	Dir of HPS
	and Galloway Council for inclusion in their Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control Homelessness Pathway and Protocol.	Dir of HPS
20.	Write Off Report The Executive Director of Housing & Property Services referred members to the previously circulated report and advised that following a discussion with the Association's Accountant it was agreed that Housing and Property Services would undertake an exercise to review credit balances across former tenant accounts. The Board of Management noted that whilst there are no specific regulations for the write off of credit balances, it is prudent to do so on a regular basis. The Executive Director of Housing & Property Services advised going forward a quarterly report will be presented to the Housing & Property Services Sub Committee for consideration.	Dir of HPS
	 After discussion to Board of Management approved the write offs as detailed: £26,657.02 of credit balances in former tenant accounts being written off. £19,501.42 of formerly written off debt being written back on and offset with credits in former tenant accounts. Credit write offs / write on of formerly written off debts be incorporated into 	Dir of HPS Dir of HPS
	future review of the Rent Policy.	Dir of HPS
21.	Rehousing of Ukrainian Nationals The Executive Director of Housing & Property Services referred members to the previously circulated report and advised that formal requests have been received from Dumfries and Galloway and East Ayrshire Councils, as well as informal	



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5.	Adoption of Minutes and Business Arising	from same		_
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	Board of Management Meeting 3 rd February 2022	Janet Strang	June Fenelon	
	Matters Arising: None.]
	Meeting	Proposed	Seconded]
	Special Board of Management Meeting 10th February 2022	Brenda Johnstone	John Nisbet	
	Matters Arising: None.]
	Meeting	Proposed	Seconded	
	Special Board of Management Meeting 3rd March 2022	Elizabeth Shedden	June Fenelon	
-	Matters Arising: None.			
5.	Meeting	Proposed	Seconded	
	Housing & Property Services Sub Committee 10 th February 2022	John McLaren	John Nisbet	
	Matters Arising: None.]



6. R (0 b N	Meeting Housing & Property Services Sub Committee (CONFIDENTIAL) 10th February 2022 Matters Arising: None. Meeting Development Services Sub Committee (CONFIDENTIAL) 20th January 2022 Matters Arising: None. Meeting Special Development Services Sub Committee (CONFIDENTIAL) 3rd March 2022 Matters Arising: None. Risk Management Monitoring / Review (CO Confidential Report is commercially sepecause disclosure would harm commercial	ensitive therefore	Seconded John Nisbet Seconded June Fenelon Seconded John Nisbet	
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8.	Ardrossan Highland Games – approved award of £1,000	
	The Group CEO and 2 Administration staff left the meeting to allow members to discuss Part B of the report, given the staff declarations received. All declarations have been recorded in the Registering & Declaring Interests Register in accordance with Governance Policy No: CEO028 Entitlements, Payments and Benefits Policy.	
	After discussion the Board of Management asked CHA staff to return to the room and confirmed the following funding awards:	CEO
	Liam Anderson – approved award of £1,000 Ardrossan Community Development Trust – approved award of £1,000	
9.	Making Our Communities Better Places Fund (Dumfries & Galloway)	
	(CONFIDENTIAL) (Confidential Report is commercially sensitive therefore has been withheld because disclosure would harm commercial interests.) The Group Chief Executive referred members to the previously circulated report for members to consider the funding requests received.	CEO
	The Board of Management discussed the application received from Bouldover Climbing Centre Ltd in detail and decided not to award funding at this time.	
	The Group CEO and 2 Administration staff left the meeting to allow members to discuss Part B of the report, given the staff declarations received. All declarations have been recorded in the Registering & Declaring Interests Register in accordance with Governance Policy No: CEO028 Entitlements, Payments and Benefits Policy.	
	After discussion the Board of Management asked CHA staff to return to the room and confirmed the following funding awards:	CEO
	Nithsdale Pony Club – approved award of £1,000 Dumfries & Lockerbie Agricultural Society – approved award of £1,000	
10.	Notifiable Events (CONFIDENTIAL) (Confidential Report is commercially sensitive therefore has been withheld because disclosure would harm commercial interests.) The Group CEO informed members there has 3 notifiable events logged with the Scottish Housing Regulator since the last board meeting and proceed to read out the list.	
11.	Secretary's Report The Secretary reported the following:	



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11.	 Correspondence An update was received from Brooke Neely's dad, the young boxer from Ardrossan. A letter was received from Lockerbie ice rink thanking the Association for the £1,000 funding that was awarded. The Board noted the content of the report. 	
12.	Subsidiary Company Report (CONFIDENTIAL) (Confidential Report is commercially sensitive therefore has been withheld because disclosure would harm commercial interests.) The Group Chief Executive referred members to the previously circulated report and advised that both subsidiary companies are doing well financially. The Board noted the content of the report.	
13.	EVH Report to Board Members No information on the wage negotiations has been received to date however when receive will be issued to the Board of Management for consideration. The Board noted.	
***	Suspension of Standing Orders At this junction the Chair requested a time extension to the Board Meeting in accordance with the Associations Standing Orders. The Board agreed same.	***
14.	Health & Safety Item not taken due to time constraints – will be taken at the Special Board of Management meeting on 31 st March 2022.	
15.	Policies for Ratification Item not taken due to time constraints – will be taken at the Special Board of Management meeting on 31 st March 2022.	
16.	Development Programme Overview (CONFIDENTIAL) (Confidential Report is commercially sensitive therefore has been withheld because disclosure would harm commercial interests.) Item not taken due to time constraints – will be taken at the Special Board of Management meeting on 31 st March 2022.	

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22	Risk Consultant (CONFIDENTIAL)	
	(Confidential Report is commercially sensitive therefore has been withheld	
	because disclosure would harm commercial interests.)	



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The Group CEO referred members to the previously circulated report and the fee proposal received from DTP to carry out the annual risk review with the Board of Management. Provisional dates of Monday 23 rd May, Tuesday 24 th May and Thursday 26 th May 2022 have been held by the consultant for a ¹ / ₂ day session with Tuesday 24 th May 2022 being the preferred date.	-
After discussion the Board of Management agreed:	
 That the Executive Management Team and Group Chief Executive should be in attendance at the risk review session. The fee proposal and appointment of DTP to carry out the annual risk review. That calendar invites will be issued for Tuesday 24th May 2022. 	
23. Regeneration Strategy Item not taken due to time constraints – will be taken at the Special Board of Management meeting on 31 st March 2022.	
24. Food Larders – North and East Ayrshire Item not taken due to time constraints – will be taken at the Special Board of Management meeting on 31 st March 2022.	
25. Compliance Update Report (Verbal Update) Item not taken due to time constraints – will be taken at the Special Board of Management meeting on 31 st March 2022.	
26. SHAPS Pension Scheme Update (CONFIDENTIAL) (Confidential Report is commercially sensitive therefore has been withheld because disclosure would harm commercial interests.) Item not taken due to time constraints – will be taken at the Special Board of Management meeting on 31 st March 2022.	
27. Sponsorship The Group Chief Executive referred members to the previously circulated report and advised that all staff will leave the meeting to allow the report to be discussed in detail. Staff left the meeting.	
After discussion the Board of Management asked CHA staff to return to the room and advised that they are fully supportive of staff member Heather Craig and the Gordon Craig Fund. The Board of Management agreed to offer assistance/mentoring to Heather to organise an event to raise money for The Gordon Craig fund which will be donated to The Brain Tumour Charity. The Board of Management also agreed to the Association being headline sponsor of the first big event of the Gordon Craig Fund.	CEO
The Board of Management noted that the Gordon Craig Fund is not a charity and	

Minutes of Board of Management Meeting Held on Thursday 24th March 2022 at 2.15 pm in the Association's Quayside Offices, Marina Quay, Dock Road, Ardrossan KA22 8DA



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27.	may not benefit from maximisation of any funds raised. The CEO advised that finance staff could investigate to ensure maximisation of funds raised are provided for the charity.	Dir F&CS
28.	 DLO Update (CONFIDENTIAL) (Confidential Report is commercially sensitive therefore has been withheld because disclosure would harm commercial interests.) The Group Chief Executive advised the DLO will go live on 1st April 2022. Press releases are being issued in line with the communication plan. The Board noted. 	
29.	Lockerbie Old School Update The Group Chief Executive referred members to the previously circulated report and advised that a presentation will be provided to the Development Services Sub Committee pm 19 th May 2022 on the "living assisted flats". After discussion the Board of Management noted the Development Agent Appointment Agreement as presented and agreed under delegated authority for the Group CEO to sign the final report and bring same back to the Board when finalised.	CEO

PRIORITY ORANGE - SECTION 3 - ITEMS TO BE TAKEN, TIME PERMITTING ACTION None.

PRIORITY GREEN – SECTION 4 – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY		
30.	Board of Management Log of Electronic Signatures	
	The Board of Management noted the content of the report.	
31.	Media Marketing & Publications	
	The Board of Management noted the content of the report.	

The Meeting closed at 4.35 pm.

	Signature	Date
Approved to Proceed to		
Chairperson for Sign-Off:		
Approved for Circulation By:		
Proposed By:		
Seconded by:		