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SUMMER 2022

Share Members' Edition

WELCOME to the Summer 2022 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.

WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION?

Annual General Meeting – Date for your diary!
Making Our Communities Better Places Fund
Development
New CHA Direct Labour Organisation



...and much more!

Important Date for your Diary!

CHA's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 2.15pm** in our Head Office, Quayside Offices, Marina Quay, Dock Road, Ardrossan KA22 8DA. You should have received your AGM pack in the post by now with all the details.

At the AGM you will receive a presentation covering a Review of the Year, which will highlight the activities of the Association over the past 12 months. In addition to this the Annual Audited Accounts will be formally presented for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

We very much hope that you can attend the AGM, if you need transport to and from the office, please contact Kirsteen Wyllie on 01294 607572 or Elaine Nimmo on 01294 606043.

**YOU CAN CONFIRM YOUR
ATTENDANCE AT THIS YEAR'S AGM:**

Scan the QR code below or call us
on the number's opposite.



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Making Our Communities Better Places Fund

North & East Ayrshire

On Monday 11th April 2022 John Kelly, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £1,000 to Aria Pascual, a young karate athlete from Saltcoats.

Aria's love for the sport has been from a very young age, starting out by attending the Tiger Cubs Karate. Over the years she has shown commitment and hard work, currently training 10-12 hours a week, alongside working part time and studying full time at the University of Stirling. Most recently, she has been selected to represent Scotland in the Senior National Team and will be competing in the Senior European Championships in Turkey.

John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA commented, "the Association are delighted to further support Aria with her achievement in being selected as Scotland's only senior Kata athlete at the EFK Senior European Championships in Turkey in May and we wish her the best of luck".



John Kelly, CHA Chair and Aria Pascual, Karate Athlete

Aria, a third dan black belt, has represented Scotland previously at junior and under 21 level, but this is her first section at senior level. The funding provided by Cunninghame Housing Association will assist Aria with the financial costs that will be incurred travelling to Turkey, such as travel, food and accommodation. Given Aria is self-funded, there is always a financial challenge to maintain and compete in such a sport therefore she relies on support from her family and local businesses. Not only will the funding assist financially, but it will also ensure that Aria continues to do what she loves and help realise her dreams and support all of the hard work she has done to get to where she is today.

On Wednesday 25th May 2022 both John Kelly, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association (CHA) and Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive of CHA presented a cheque for £1,000 to Frances Gilmour and Alison Montgomery of the Ardrossan Christmas Decorations Committee (ACDC).



Pictured left to right: Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA, Frances Gilmour, Committee Member of ACDC, John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA and Alison Montgomery Secretary of ACDC

The Ardrossan Christmas Decorations Committee has been running since 2001 by a voluntary organisation. Their aim is to improve the quality of life for the people of Ardrossan. They achieve this by the provision of Christmas lights and a festival celebration including the annual Santa Parade bringing community groups together through participation in the Parade as well as the

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Christmas Fayre and switch on of lights in Ardrossan.

The funding provided by Cunninghame Housing Association will assist with the financial commitments involved in making the festival celebration and Christmas lights happen in the town. The Christmas event brings much needed cheer to the town at a time that can prove difficult to many as well as creating community spirit.

John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA commented, “the Association are delighted to support the Ardrossan Christmas Decorations Committee in helping them hold their annual Christmas event as well as lighting up the town bringing Christmas cheer and fun to the community”.

On Tuesday 26th April 2022 both John Kelly, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association (CHA) and Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive of CHA presented a cheque for £1,000 to Dawn Jamieson volunteer and presenter and Steve Hyde, presenter and treasurer at Irvine Beat FM.

Irvine Beat FM is a local radio station who received their full-time community broadcast licence from Ofcom in 2013. The project is a registered charity run by a group of 30 volunteers from the community with a diverse variety of skills and abilities and is governed by the Board of Charity Trustees. Irvine Beat provides entertainment, local information, weather and news, however, the output lays particular emphasis on improving the health and general wellbeing of residents in the communities of North Ayrshire.

Now with Covid restrictions easing the station is reintroducing live information segments from representatives of the DWP, NAC, NHS Scotland and Police Scotland amongst many more that have been contacted and hope to introduce them very shortly on air. Irvine Beat is fully committed to supporting local schools, community groups and charitable organisations by providing an on-air platform for these parties to connect directly with listeners.



Pictured left to right: Steve Hyde, Presenter and Treasurer of Irvine Beat FM, John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA, Dawn Jamieson, Volunteer and Presenter of Irvine Beat FM and Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA

Irvine Beat offers volunteering opportunities and is committed to recruiting volunteers from the communities of North Ayrshire in a bid to advance inclusion and education through the provision of training in broadcast media, radio production and administration using hi-spec industry standard equipment.

To provide such an invaluable service comes at a cost, therefore the funding provided by Cunninghame Housing Association will help support the running costs, specifically the phone and wi-fi expenses. This is particularly beneficial at this time, due to recent Covid restrictions, which have had a detrimental effect on any potential income that would normally be earned through local businesses on-air advertising,

John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA commented, “the Association are pleased to support Irvine Beat FM given the hard work of the volunteers to provide a first-class radio station to the communities of North Ayrshire”.

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Dumfries & Galloway

On 21st February 2022 Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer of Cunninghame Housing Association, presented a cheque for £1,000 to Duncan Gracie, the Chairperson of Lockerbie Ice Rink along with young skaters, Charley MacBeth and Harris Stewart.

Lockerbie Ice Rink is a Charitable Trust run by a voluntary committee which has been in existence since 1967, providing curling and skating facilities to the local community and surrounding areas for people of all ages. The aim of the ice rink is to encourage public participation in sport by providing recreational facilities, with the object of improving people's health and wellbeing.

The ice rink hosts many different clubs/groups some of which they run free of charge for local young people such as a weekly After School curling session and a Mini Rockers session for younger participants. The funding provided by Cunninghame Housing Association supported the recent facility approved by the committee, which offer free ice skating to young people under the age of 6 years old over a period of 20 weeks.



From left to right: Charley MacBeth, Duncan Gracie Chairperson of Lockerbie Ice Rink, Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer of CHA and Harris Stewart

Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive of CHA commented, "We are delighted to be supporting Lockerbie Ice Rink and providing free ice skating for the youngsters. The Association recognises the benefits of having such a fantastic facility in the

area and the positive affect it can have on the people who live there".

On Tuesday 1st March 2022 Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer of Cunninghame Housing Association, presented a cheque for £470 to Andy Stewart, Producer (Children & Young People), part of the forthcoming Big DoG Book Festival for children within Dumfries.

The Wigtown Festival Company is a charitable organisation run by a voluntary committee. They aspire to make Dumfries & Galloway a better place to be a reader and a writer – a place where literature changes lives, which is especially true for young people, where research proves that young readers become more successful in life.

The organisation ran the 2022 Big DoG Children's Festival in Dumfries & Galloway which took place from 1 – 3rd April 2022.



From left to right: Andy Stewart, Producer (Children & Young People) at Wigtown Festival Company and Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer of CHA

Andy Stewart, Producer (Children & Young People) of WFC said, "We are grateful to Cunninghame Housing Association for their support towards this year's Festival which will enable us to give more families the opportunity to meet some of the nation's favourite authors, illustrators and storytellers right here in Dumfries."

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DEVELOPMENT

300th New Build Home, Hallmeadow, Annan

In March 2022, a ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of Cunninghame Housing Association's 300th New Build Home for social rent in Dumfries & Galloway at Hallmeadow, Annan.



Pictured left to right: Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA, John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA, Michelle Scaife, CHA Tenant and Councillor Archie Dryburgh MBE, Housing Convenor, Vice Chair of Economy & Resources Committee and Dumfries & Galloway's Armed Forces Champion

CHA's voluntary Board of Management; Frank Sweeney – Group Chief Executive; Councillor Archie Dryburgh MBE – Housing Convenor, Vice Chair of Economy & Resources Committee and Dumfries & Galloway's Armed Forces Champion; and invited guests gathered to celebrate the occasion at Hallmeadow in Annan and to hand over a ceremonial key to Michelle Scaife, the lucky 300th tenant.

Since 2017, Cunninghame Housing Association has been working in partnership with Dumfries & Galloway Council and the Scottish Government as a development partner, to deliver affordable housing across the Dumfries & Galloway region.



Pictured from left to right: John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA, June Fenelon, CHA Board Member, Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA, Michelle Scaife, CHA Tenant, Councillor Archie Dryburgh MBE, Housing Convenor, Vice Chair of Economy & Resources Committee and Dumfries & Galloway's Armed Forces Champion, John Nisbet, CHA Board Member, Elizabeth Shedden, CHA Board Member, Brian McCabe, CHA Board Member, Drew Hall, CHA Board Member, Lesley Keenan, Secretary of CHA, Margaret Davison, CHA Board Member and Janet Strang, Vice Chairperson of CHA

Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive of CHA commented, "The development at Hallmeadow will see us taking handover of the 300th new home that Cunninghame Housing Association has provided since coming into the Region five years ago, with the 300th new tenant Michelle Scaife receiving her keys today. Today is about celebrating this milestone in our activity since coming into the Region in 2017. Michelle received her keys on 3rd March 2022, and she has recently moved in with her family and we give them every good wish in their new home".

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Park View, Mauchline

In June 2022, Leader of East Ayrshire Council, Douglas Reid carried out the official closing ceremony to mark the completion of Cunninghame Housing Associations new build development at Barskimming Road, Mauchline.



The Association acquired the site in February 2020. The project commenced on site on 22 March 2021 and the official completion date was 14 June 2022.

The site delivered a total of 30 new build homes for rent comprising of a mixture of two- and three-bedroom general needs houses, together with four cottage flats, three amenity bungalows designed for those with amenity needs as well as one wheelchair designed bungalow.



Pictured from left to right: Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA and Leader of East Ayrshire Council, Cllr Douglas Reid



Pictured left to right: Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA, Elizabeth Shedden CHA Board Member, Janet Strang, Vice Chair of CHA, John Kelly, Chair of CHA, Leader of East Ayrshire Council, Cllr Douglas Reid, Brenda Johnstone, John Nisbet and June Fenelon, CHA Board Members

The £4.9m project has been delivered by Cunninghame Housing Association with the support of the Scottish Government and East Ayrshire Council. The funding consisted of £2.6m in Housing Association Grant from the Scottish Government and £2.3m in private finance.

The main contractor for the work was Ashleigh (Scotland) Limited, the Association's Framework Contractor. The new homes have been designed by the project Architect, Robert Potter and partners. Also involved in the project were TCS Construction Consultants who are the quantity surveyors and Clancy Consulting who provided Engineering Services.



Pictured from left to right: Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA, John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA and Leader of East Ayrshire Council, Cllr Douglas Reid

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Bridgehousehill, Kilmarnock

In August 2022, an opening ceremony was held to celebrate the official start of the housing Development in Bridgehousehill, Kilmarnock, officially carried out by Provost Jim Todd of East Ayrshire Council.

The project is worth £17million and will produce a mixture of two-, three- and four-bedroom general needs houses constructed as well as ten amenity bungalows and five wheelchair bungalows, totalling 101 affordable homes.

The development is being delivered by Cunninghame Housing Association in partnership with East Ayrshire Council, the Scottish Government and Connect Modular Ltd.



Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive of Cunninghame Housing Association said, “we are delighted to be working in partnership with Connect Modular to deliver this important development of 101 new modular homes. This is the first modular construction project undertaken by Cunninghame Housing Association and the largest modular low-rise housing development in Scotland. We are excited to be a part of this innovative and efficient method of construction. We recognise the significant environmental benefits of the build and that the units will be built in Connect Modular’s Ayrshire factory, to a very high standard and delivered to site. With support of strategic partners, East Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government, we are able to provide these

highly sought after affordable new homes in this popular area of Kilmarnock.”



Pictured left to right: Provost Jim Todd, East Ayrshire Council, Jennifer Higgins, Managing Director of Connect Modular Ltd, Councillor Claire Maitland, East Ayrshire Council, John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA and Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA

Provost Jim Todd said, “It was a pleasure to attend the sod cutting ceremony on 1st August at Bridgehousehill Road, marking the start of a new range of house types being built in the area. It will be interesting to see the different approach being taken to building houses and I very much look forward to seeing them completed, which I am sure will be to a very high standard.”



Pictured left to right: Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA Jennifer Higgins, Managing Director of Connect Modular Ltd, John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA, Provost Jim Todd, and Councillor Claire Maitland, East Ayrshire Council

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New CHA Direct Works



Cunninghame Housing Association are pleased to announce the launch of the new Direct Works department.



Direct Works, our new in-house repairs and maintenance service for Ayrshire tenants, launched on 1 April 2022. This positive change offers many benefits to tenants, including:

- More streamlined service delivery
- Better communication
- Greater confidence in operatives, and
- An improved appointments system.

CHA – Headline Sponsor of Dumfries & Galloway Business Awards 2022

Cunninghame Housing Association were delighted to support the DG Business Awards as Headline Sponsor attending the event at the Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries on 1st April 2022.

Following the last 2 years which have been hard for many, the Association was pleased to be associated with these awards that celebrate businesses in the region and how they have adapted time and again to successfully navigate their way through the ongoing pandemic. It fits perfectly with the Association's ongoing mission to be More Than Just a Landlord and Making Our Communities Better Places.

Local businesses play a huge role in the community by way of employment and delivery of services and is key to the success of our towns, cities, and the wider region.



Frank Sweeney, Chief Executive of Cunninghame Housing Association said, "the last few years have been like no other. It is an honour to support local business within Dumfries & Galloway following the recent and ongoing relaxation of restrictions."

Christmas Newsletter Competition Winners



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

1st Prize - £30.00 – Catherine Donnelly, Ardrossan
2nd Prize - £20.00 – Moira Bingham, Saltcoats
3rd Prize - £10.00 – Angela McCabe, Largs

Why not have a go at our summer newsletter competition!

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To stay updated on all that is 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.

