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DECEMBER 2019

Share Members' Edition

WELCOME to the Christmas 2019 edition of our Share Members' newsletter which will give you details of the Association's news. A particular welcome to our new Share Members – we hope you enjoy the newsletter and will enter our competition.

Annual General Meeting

CHA's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 28th August 2019 at 2.15pm in our Head Office, Quayside Offices, Marina Quay, Dock Road, Ardrossan. The AGM as ever, was very well attended, the Board of Management and Office Bearers for 2019-2020 is as follows:-

Office Bearers



Janet Strang,
Chairperson



John Kelly,
Vice Chairperson



Lesley Keenan,
Company Secretary

Board of Management



Willie Gibson



Brenda Johnstone



John McLaren



Liam Loudon



June Fenelon



John Nisbet



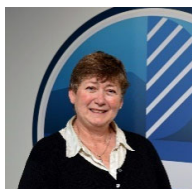
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Drew Hall



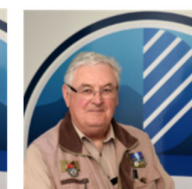
Elizabeth Shedden



Margaret Davison



Councillor Douglas Reid
East Ayrshire Council Rep



Councillor Jimmy Miller
North Ayrshire Council Rep

WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION?

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3 Year Sponsorship
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...and much more!

CHA'S e-CHRISTMAS CARD

This year CHA has an e-Christmas Card to wish all our customers and visitors the compliments of the season. You can access our e-Card via following link: -

<http://52.209.155.48/OneandAll>

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

All CHA's offices will close on Friday 20th December 2019 at 4.30 pm and re-open on Monday 6th January 2020 at 9.00 am

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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CHA Celebrates 35 Years

CHA celebrated it's 35th Birthday at it's Staff and Board of Management Long Service Awards Ceremony held at the Waterside Hotel, Seamill on Friday 29th November 2019.

The celebration evening raised a total of £5,217 to be split equally between the North Ayrshire Foodbank and Salvation Army Toy Appeal to purchase Christmas presents for children.

At the evening event CHA premiered it's 35 Year Journey video detailing its history, its people, its success and its strategy going forward.

Frank Sweeney Chief Executive of Cunninghame Housing Association Group of Companies commented "This was our third year holding our Staff and Board of Management Long Service Awards". These are great achievements to recognise and celebrate all our people and this linked to the monies to be donated to our two nominated charities helps to demonstrate that "We are more than just a landlord"



Cunninghame Housing Association Secure £30million Investment from Canada Life to Build New Houses

The Association secured a £30million Private Placement Investment from Canada Life to part fund its ongoing ambitious, approved new build housing development programme.

The £30million funding together with ongoing Scottish Government investment will allow the Association to build 550 new homes throughout North and East Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway.

The first new build sites to be developed with the new investment will be the Associations site A, Phase 4 of Sharphill, Saltcoats (76 houses, £11.88m total costs) which is pictured underneath. Balnagowan at Skelmorlie (27 houses £4.62m total costs) and Ardoch Court in Stevenston (28 houses £3.87m total costs) will also be funded by means of the placement.

The Association is now looking at a site start in January 2020 for Sharphill Phase 4, Saltcoats.

All of the projects will create considerable community benefits including employment and apprenticeship opportunities.



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3 Year Sponsorship for Aria Pascual Karate Athlete

On 5th August 2019 Janet Strang Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £1,000 to Aria Pascual Karate Athlete to assist with her funding for competing in the following competitions:

- JKS World Champions, Ireland on 24 & 25th August 2019
- British International Championships, Ravenscraig in September 2019
- Internal Championships, Poland in October 2019
- World Championships, Chile in October 2019.



Pictured left to right: Janet Strang, CHA Chairperson, Frank Sweeney, Group CEO and Aria Pascual

In November 2019 Aria won a gold medal and now holds the new title of Scottish University Female Karate Champion. She has also been selected to represent Scotland in the European Karate Federation U21 European Championships in February 2020 which are held in Budapest.

Janet Strang said “The Association is delighted to be able whenever possible to support young people in achieving their ambitions”

Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive commented “Over the past 10/15 years we have

supported numerous young people to help them to be successful in their chosen sport”.

The funding for the initiative came from the Associations “Making Our Communities Better Place Fund” which operates from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

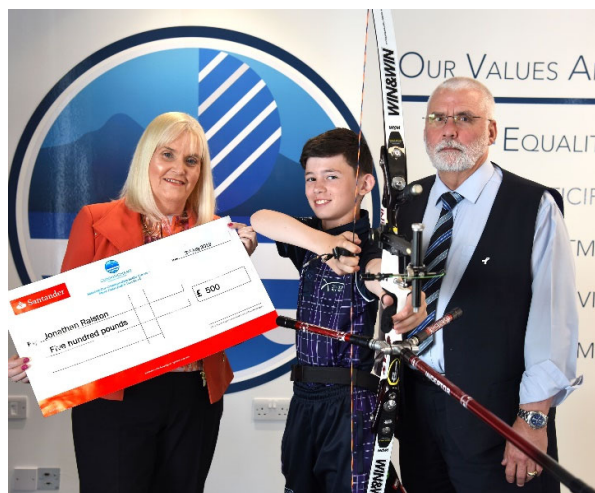
3 Year Sponsorship for Jonathan Ralston Archery

On 2nd July 2019 Janet Strang the Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £500 to Jonathan Ralston to assist with his competition costs for this season.

Janet Strang Chairperson commented “We are delighted to be able to support Jonathan Ralston who is at 12 years of age competing in archery events where some competitors are nearly 2/3 years older than him”

Jonathan can shoot 144 arrows across distances 50m/40m/30m/20m (3 dozen arrows at each time).

Jonathan has been chosen to represent Scotland as part of the Junior Home Nations Event in December 2019. Only 2 male recurve archers are chosen for the team which is U18s. Jonathan was also the top scoring junior recurve archer overall in the Scottish Outdoor rankings for this year.



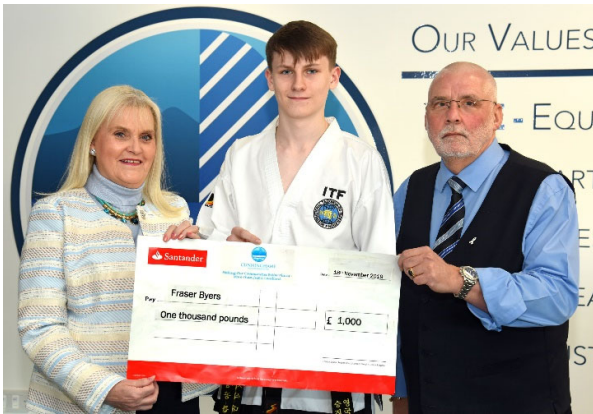
Pictured left to right: Janet Strang, CHA Chairperson, Jonathan Ralston, Frank Sweeney, Group CEO

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Making Our Communities Better Places Fund

On 18th November 2019 Janet Strang the Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £1,000 to Fraser Byers to help with furthering his taekwondo national squad training, safety equipment and travelling to tournaments.

Janet Strang Chairperson commented “We are delighted to be able to support young people in achieving their sporting and development ambitions”.



Pictured left to right: Janet Strang, CHA Chairperson, Fraser Byers, Frank Sweeney, Group CEO

New Build Development Dalshalloch Road, Auchinleck

The Association's Development Services department is responsible for the planning, design and delivery of new homes.



Pictured left to right: Elena Whitham, Depute Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member EAC, Gary Climson, Managing Director McTaggart Construction, Frank Sweeney, CHA Group Chief Executive Officer, Janet Strang, Chairperson of CHA.

Our development programme over the next 5 years will deliver around 1000 new units and will provide much needed affordable rented accommodation in North and East Ayrshire, as well as delivering new properties across the Dumfries and Galloway region.

We have recently completed 23 New House Builds at Auchinleck in February 2019.

Elena Whitham, Depute Leader of the Council and Cabinet member with responsibility for Housing and Communities at East Ayrshire Council, carried out the formal opening ceremony at Cunninghame Housing Association's new build project at Dalshalloch Court Auchinleck.

Ardoch Court, Stevenston

Councillor Jimmy Miller carried out the official ceremony to mark the start of Cunninghame Housing Association's new build project at Ardoch Court.



The site will deliver a total of 28 new houses and flatted accommodation for affordable rent. It comprises of a mixture of two and three-bedroom, general needs houses and four amenity cottage flats with the ground floor properties designed specifically for those with wheelchair needs.

The site was previously owned by local builder D McLaughlin & Sons who approached the Association to establish its interest in undertaking a project to provide new build housing on the site.

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Contract Value

The overall development costs are £3.86m. The Scottish Government has provided a total of

£2.2m in Housing Association Grant funding towards this project. The Association has borrowed £1.6m of private finance.



Frank Sweeney and Councillor Miller

Community Benefits

Cunninghame Housing Association always ensures that it delivers via its contractor a wide range of community benefits.

Ardoch Court will deliver the following:

- Ongoing full time employment of around 20 Ayrshire based site operatives over 56 weeks.
- Additional full time employment of two North Ayrshire based site operatives for a year minimum.
- Ongoing support of three North Ayrshire CITB apprentices and two management trainees; two of which will be directly involved in this project.
- Additional full time North Ayrshire CITB apprenticeship placement and training.
- Through local subcontractors ongoing support and training to four local apprentices.
- Work placement of five days for one or two pupils from a North Ayrshire school.
- Potential support for a local school project, to be agreed with the contractor

There is also ongoing sponsorship by D McLaughlin & Sons of Ardrossan Accies, Ardrossan Winton

Rovers, Irvine Victoria and local hospice group fundraising.

Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of Cunninghame Housing Association, said “We are delighted that Councillor Jimmy Miller could carry out the official commencement ceremony. We have a good local contractor that will in conjunction with our design team, CHA Development and clerk of works staff work to deliver quality affordable houses for allocation on the North Ayrshire Common Housing Register.”

Councillor Miller said: “It gives me great pleasure to carry out the official commencement of the Ardoch Court new build development. The houses will be of a very high quality and again demonstrates that Cunninghame Housing Association always delivers a quality product.

D McLaughlin & Sons added: “We are delighted to be working with Cunninghame Housing Association to provide 28 high quality social house units on this

design and construct project in Stevenston. We are fortunate to have an excellent workforce, skilled and experienced in successfully delivering projects of this nature. Also as a local based SME contractor with local direct workforce and supply chain, it provides tangible benefits to the local economy with further additional employment and training opportunities.”

Cunninghame Housing Association Wins National Housing Development Award

Cunninghame Housing Association's new build housing development at Weirston Road, Kilwinning was recognised as the Large Affordable Housing Development of the Year (social rent) at the recent Scottish Home Awards.

The new development provided the following high-quality accommodation to help regenerate the local area.

A total of 64 new build homes for rent. There is a mixture of 2 and 3 bedroom general needs houses, amenity cottage flats for older and less mobile people as well as two houses designed specifically for those with wheelchair needs.

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Weirston Road, Kilwinning

This award again demonstrates what good partnership working with North Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Housing Regulator in terms of delivering on the Council's Strategic Housing Investment Programme (SHIP)."



Weirston Road, Kilwinning

Cunninghame Housing Association "Up and Running" with its first New Homes in Gretna

Cunninghame Housing Association acquired the former Halcrow greyhound stadium site in Gretna on the 29th March 2017. The development of the site is being delivered in partnership with Dumfries and Galloway Council and the Scottish Government as part of Dumfries and Galloway Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP). Purchase of the site has afforded the Association a rare opportunity, in line with the Council's strategy, to provide much needed affordable housing in Gretna.

The site is fulfilling both national and local objectives by meeting unfulfilled demand as evidenced by the Homes 4D&G Common Housing Register. The level of interest in the new houses is most encouraging with overwhelming interest being shown by the local community. The site is well appointed and close to amenities and only a short 5-minute walk into Gretna town centre.

On Tuesday the 13th August 2019 Kevin Stewart, MSP (Minister for Local Government and Housing) visited Gretna to mark the completion of Phase 1 of Cunninghame Housing Association's first new build project at the former Halcrow Stadium.



As part of the visit the Minister was introduced to one of CHA's first tenants Mrs Susan Fox who has moved into one of the new houses. After a tour of Mr & Mrs Fox's house he then went on a tour of the site followed by a CHA drone which filmed the ceremony which can be viewed by visiting our website.

Commenting on the Halcrow new build project the Housing Minister Kevin Stewart said "It's great to see phase one of this project at Halcrow Stadium, Gretna completed. Cunninghame Housing Association now have a positive presence in Dumfries and Galloway with an ambitious development programme over the next four years. These 47 new homes will provide much needed quality, affordable housing in the area as well as a boost to the local economy."The new Cunninghame Housing Association homes at Halcrow are being delivered in two phases.

The overall site at Halcrow (the former Greyhound Track) will accommodate 90 units with Phase 1 providing 47 new homes and Phase 2 delivering

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43 new homes. The total development costs for Phase 1 are **£7.1m** with Scottish Government HAG accounting for **£4.2m** and the Association contributing **£2.9m** in private finance.



Phase 2 of the work commenced on site on 28 January 2019 with completion of these 43 new houses expected by March 2020. The total development costs for Phase 2 are **£5.8m** with Scottish Government HAG accounting for **£3.4m** and the Association contributing **£2.4m** in private finance.

In January 2019, the Association acquired a third phase (at the back of the site) which was included in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and will provide a further 36 new houses. Work is expected to start at Phase 3 when phase 2 is complete (around March 2020). Overall there will be a total of 126 new affordable homes at Halcrow across the three phases.

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.



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BETTER PLACES**



Balnagowan, Skelmorlie

The Association acquired this site in March 2018 and will deliver 27 houses. Two of the properties have been designed to meet the needs of wheelchair users. Works commenced on site in January 2019.



Balnagowan, Skelmorlie

We start releasing properties from the end of November, and completion is scheduled for March 2020.



Balnagowan, Skelmorlie

To view a short video from photographs taken visit our Facebook page and keep an eye on the website www.cunningham-housing.org for drone footage to follow soon.

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10th Annual CHA Tenants Event

The Association's 10th Tenants Event was held on 10th July in the Seamill Hydro and was the most successful to date attracting our highest number of tenants. The facilities and catering in the Seamill Hydro were fully appreciated by our tenant delegates and guests.



As in previous years the Conference was organised, planned and supported on the day by our tenants' events and communication group. Without their assistance the Conference would not be as successful as it is. The group came up with lots of ideas for speakers and entertainment to help give a full and varied agenda.

Our resident MC, Steven Good, Executive Director of Housing & Property Services was again in fine form. Steven is crucial to the running of the day, sticking to the agenda timings while creating a relaxed informal atmosphere which our delegates enjoy with his unique sense of humour.

In the morning there were five presentations covering a wide range of topics.

- Frank Sweeney, the Associations, Chief Executive opened up with the first presentation on a detailed overview of the Associations new and future development plans.
- Eddy Graham, the Director of IBP Strategy and Research gave a fun presentation in the form of 'Play Your Cards Right' to show the findings from our 2018 Tenant Satisfaction Survey. This year delegates were again given a choice of presentation in our 'Workshop Session'.

- Paul Clark, the operations manager from Citrus Energy talked about Fuel Poverty and the practical assistance available to help alleviate this important issue.
- Tracey Tait from CHAP gave important information and advice on tenant legal matters.
- Fiona Wilson, North Ayrshire Councils waste awareness officer ended the morning with some clarity on what can be recycled, correct use of refuse bins and the impact of waste on the environment.

After a lovely buffet lunch, two final presentations were delivered.

- Scrutiny Group members Willie Clark supported by Sharon Donohoe, Development Director from the Tenants Information Service gave an update on the recent work of the group. This included their completed Gas Safety Exercise and recommendations.
- PC Colin Johnson of Police Scotland's Preventions and Interventions team gave an informative talk on door step crime prevention and tips on how to make people less vulnerable to crime.

Our information village continues to be extremely well supported by our partner organisations. Partners such as Citrus Energy, Action on hearing loss, NAC, Age Scotland, KA Leisure, Police Scotland and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue helped to make up our 19 stands in the information village. This is one of the largest of its kind in Scotland. A new addition to the conference this year was two fun competitions, 'Tin Can Alley' and 'quoits'.



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This year's entertainment package consisted of a high energy dancing display from the popular local dance school, Dance Mafia from Saltcoats. But the highlight was our singer Craig Forsyth from 'The Voice 2019'.



Over 120 delegates attended the conference. This included 75 Cunninghame tenants, invited guests including the East Ayrshire Deputy Provost Claire Leitch, speakers and tenant guests from East and North Ayrshire Councils. The feedback received from our tenants was extremely positive 100% rating their experience of the event as good or very good.



Tenants and Residents Groups

All of our six tenants and residents groups are continuing to work hard, giving up their own time to help support their local communities. They are always looking for additional committee members or tenants volunteers who can assist with one off activities. Our current 6 tenant groups operate in Ardrossan, Dalry, Vineburgh - Irvine, Kilbirnie, Longpark, Kilmarnock and Stevenston/Saltcoats. We are always looking to support new groups or individuals to become involved in a way they are happy with.

The Association is delighted to advise that a new tenants and residents group has just been established in Largs. Following two very successful public meetings and two additional group meetings, a 'panel' chair was elected on the 11th December. In the New Year the group will agree their constitution, name and design their own unique logo.

If you are interested and wish to find out more about how you can get involved please contact Ian Macpherson on 01294 606012 or imacpherson@chaltd.org.

The groups recently held their public meetings where tenants and residents can come along and find out more about the work they do and give their views on any issues they have. At these meetings guest speakers have included local councillors, community police officers and environment health officers.

East Ayrshire Council/East Ayrshire Tenants Federation Conferences

The Longpark group enjoyed success for the second year at the joint East Ayrshire Council/East Ayrshire Tenants Federation conference in November. They again won the most inspiring group of the year. The group were surprised and delighted to retain this award which recognises the work they do and helps to promote the positives of living in the Longpark area.



Their Chair, Stella Murphy also enjoyed success as runner up in the Tenant Participation Champion category.

