



## Share Member Newsletter

December 2022

### Welcome!

Welcome to the December 2022 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.

### What's in this edition

- Meet the Board of Management 2022/23
- Making Our Communities Better Places Fund
- Long Service Awards
- New Build Developments
- and much more!

### CHA's Christmas Card

Scan the QR code to view  
CHA's Christmas card for 2022.



Merry Christmas



### Festive Office Closure

All CHA's offices will close on **Friday 23rd December 2022** at 4.30 pm and re-open on **Monday 9th January 2023** at 9.00 am.

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





# Meet the Board of Management 2022/2023

CHA's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 7th September 2022 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 2022-2023 is as follows:-

## Office Bearers



Lesley Keenan  
Chair



Janet Strang  
Vice Chair



Drew Hall  
Secretary

## Board of Management



Willie Gibson



Brenda Johnstone



June Fenelon



John Kelly



Elizabeth Shedden



John McLaren



Margaret Davison



Brian McCabe



Cllr Scott Davidson



Cllr Stephen Canning



Liam Loudon



John Nisbet

# Making Our Communities Better Places

## North & East Ayrshire



### Tapend Food Larder

John Kelly commented *"We are thrilled to be able to provide financial assistance to another meaningful service within the three towns and support local people through which is proving to be such hard times for many."*



### The Quaint Food Larder

John Kelly commented *"We are delighted to be supporting another local food larder in the three towns and recognising the hard work and time that is contributed by volunteers to be able to deliver this facility. It is clearly a much needed and valuable service in the local community"*.



### The Ayrshire Community Trust

John Kelly commented *"We are thrilled to be able to provide financial assistance to help make the Volunteers Online Celebration happen. It is important to recognise the hard work so many volunteers do by supporting vital services such as the hospital transport, Foodbank and befriending programme and the many people who benefit from these services. Without the input of volunteers many services would not exist."*



# CUNNINGHAME HOUSING ASSOCIATION

## TAPEND FOOD LARDER

In July 2022 Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive and John Kelly, then Chair of CHA presented a cheque for £1,000 to June McGuire, committee member of the Tapend Food Larder in Stevenston. The much needed service provides a crucial lifeline to families and individuals who are experiencing food poverty.

The funding provided by CHA helped the larder to replenish stock and assist with the week to week running costs.



## THE QUAIN T LARDER

In July 2022 John Kelly, then Chair of CHA presented a cheque for £1,000 to Edna Campbell and Avril Toner, volunteers at The Quaint Larder in Ardrossan.

The funding provided by CHA assisted with purchasing food to stock up the larder as well as their day to day running costs.



## THE AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY TRUST

In July 2022 John Kelly, then Chair of CHA presented a cheque for £500 to Kaileigh Brown, Executive Director of (TACT).

The funding provided by CHA assisted with the financial costs of running this year's Volunteers Online Celebration and helped provide 'goody bags' for all of the volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year.



# Making Our Communities Better Places

## Dumfries & Galloway



### Mossburn Community Farm

Frank Sweeney commented *"Mossburn Community Farm is quite clearly a vital resource for many in the local community as well as a safe and secure place for animals that are looked after there."*



### Lochmaben Tennis Club

Frank Sweeney commented *"We are delighted to be supporting Lochmaben Tennis Club with the financial costs involved to help make it a safe and enjoyable environment for all members and visitors whilst encouraging people to take part in such an active sport."*



### Dumfries Y Gymnastics Club

Frank Sweeney commented *"Cunninghame Housing Association are delighted to be supporting Dumfries Y Gymnastics Club setting up their new facility in Annan, providing local people with the opportunity to keep fit, improve their confidence by socialising with others as well as possible job prospects for the future"*.



## MOSSBURN COMMUNITY FARM



In May 2022 Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer of CHA presented a cheque for £1,000 to Siobhan Webster, Yard Manager of Mossburn Community Farm. The farm is primarily an animal sanctuary however also provides an Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) programme for local people with learning, behavioural or emotional challenges.

The funding provided by CHA assisted with the all-important running costs of the farm to provide food for the animals, bedding, vet bills amongst much more.

## LOCHMABEN TENNIS CLUB

In May 2022 Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer of CHA presented a cheque for £1,000 to Deborah Bodel and Tracey Green of Lochmaben Tennis Club.

The funding provided by CHA assisted with the costs involved of carrying out resurfacing repairs to the facility ensuring it is safe and accessible for everyone who uses it.



## DUMFRIES Y GYMNASTICS CLUB

In May 2022 Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer of CHA presented a cheque for £1,000 to Niamh Kerr and Alisha McKinnel, Coaches of the Dumfries Y Gymnastics Club, along with some young members.

Given the success and popularity of the Club, they have now secured new premises in the Silverlaw Estate in Annan. The funding provided by CHA assisted with the set-up costs of the new premises.



# DEVELOPMENT - NEW BUILD

In October 2022, Councillor Archie Dryburgh MBE, Chair of Communities Committee and Dumfries & Galloway's Armed Forces Champion carried out the official closing ceremony to mark the completion of Cunninghame Housing Association's new build development at Hallmeadow, Annan.

CHA's Board of Management, Frank Sweeney Group CEO, Councillor Archie Dryburgh MBE and invited guests gathered to celebrate the occasion at Hallmeadow in Annan.

Councillor Dryburgh MBE, Chair of Communities Committee and Dumfries & Galloway's Armed Forces Champion said, *"I would like to thank Cunninghame Housing Association. They have shown their commitment to supporting Council objectives, through this development in Annan and across the region, through the provision of much needed affordable housing. I look forward to seeing more developments like this come forward"*.

The site delivered a total of 130 new build homes for rent comprising of a mixture of two and three bedroom houses as well as 8 bungalows designed for amenity use and 5 wheelchair designed bungalows.

The project was delivered by Cunninghame Housing Association with the support of the Scottish Government and Dumfries & Galloway Council.



HALLMEADOW, ANNAN



# Long Service Awards 2022

Cunningshame Housing Association held its annual Staff and Board of Management Long Service Awards Ceremony on Friday 9th December 2022 at the Waterside Hotel, West Kilbride.

As part of the evening, a raffle and auction took place to help raise money for the following charities on the night:

- Brain Tumour Charity (Gordon Craig Fund)
- Barnardo's Children's Toy Appeal
- Little Princess Trust

The Association were pleased to raise a total of £3,554.40 which was split between all 3 charities.

Some staff members who were unable to attend the event were presented with their awards (below) by Linda Anderson, Executive Director of Development Services.



Staff member Carolann Rennie has been growing her hair for many years so that she can donate it to a worthy cause. At the Long Service Event, Carolann had her hair cut to allow her to donate it to the Little Princess Trust which provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. To date Carolann has managed to raise a whopping £1,390 which will be added to the £1,184 raised at the Long Service Event totalling **£2,574!**

**Well Done!**



# CIH Housing Scotland Awards 2022

Cunninghame Housing Association were pleased to be selected as Finalists at the CIH Scotland Housing Awards 2022 in October 2022. The Association was selected as finalists in the following categories:

- **Excellence in Regeneration:** *Project: Halcrow and Raydale Community Partnership/ Gretna FC 2008 Project*
- **Excellence in Development for Affordable Housing:** *Project: Lockerbie Academy and Old School Regeneration*
- **Excellence in Leadership:** *Individual Frank Sweeney*
- **Excellence in Tenant Scrutiny:** *Project: CHA Scrutiny in Action*

The Association are pleased to advise that Group CEO, Frank Sweeney, won the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH). The prestigious individual award is for CIH members and recognises Mr Sweeney's leadership of Cunninghame Housing Association over the last 32 years.

A spokesperson for the Chartered Institute of Housing said: "This award is for an individual, and its purpose is to recognise excellent leadership in the sector. It aims to demonstrate the quality of leaders that we have in housing, and to show the rest of the world how brilliant housing people are."



## Other Awards

The Association were also shortlisted as finalists in the following awards:

- **Herald Property Awards**
  - *Best Regeneration Project – Residential*
  - *Affordable Housing Development – sponsored by NHBC*
  - *CHA & Collective Architecture – Academy Place, Lockerbie*
- **Investors in People Awards**
  - *Third Sector Employer of the Year*
- **UK Housing Awards**
  - *Landlord of the Year*

# AWARDS



CUNNINGHAME  
HOUSING ASSOCIATION

*More than just a landlord  
Making Our Communities Better Places*

**£1 SHARE MEMBERSHIP**

**The Association are looking to  
increase its £1 Share Membership**

▶ Are you interested in  
membership of the  
Association?

▶ Do you want to find  
out more about what  
being a member  
means?

**MORE INFO**



**SCAN HERE**

Information on eligible criteria and application  
forms can be found on our website

<https://www.cunninghame-housing.org/1-share-membership/>

# SUMMER COMPETITION WINNERS

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

**1st Prize** - £30 – Margaret Brown,  
Largs

**2nd Prize** - £20 – Jim Donnelly,  
Ardrossan

**3rd Prize** - £10 – Fay Schlesiger,  
Stevenston

**Why not have a go at our Christmas  
newsletter competition!**

## Get Social with us!

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.



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