

**BEFRIENDERS HIGHLAND LIMITED**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**24<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**(Held by Video Conference due to Covid19 Social Isolation Restrictions)**

**Present:**

Scott Adie, Joan Anderson, Alison Campbell, Gary Cormack, Nick Curley, Alan Duncan, Roger Ellis, Andrew Ferrier, Carole Horton, Alaine MacDonald, Jane MacDonald, Cllr Isabelle MacKenzie, Helena Macleod, Malcolm MacSween, Jo Page, Catherine Patterson, Helen M. Patterson, Sarah Southcott, Shane Spence, David Stallard, Carol Summers, Ruth Webster and Susan White.

**Apologies:**

Sheila Black, Julia Entwistle, John Finnie MSP, Kate Forbes MSP, Margaret Grant, Rhoda Grant MSP, Drew Hendry MP, Joanna Higgs, Ann Lamont, Anne McDonald (HSCN), Fiona McRoberts, Brendan O'Hara MP, Bidy Ross, David Stewart MSP, Maree Todd MSP, Rebecca Wallace and Donald Watt.

Following a welcome to Befrienders Highland's (BHL) first ever virtual AGM, Susan White presented the running order of the meeting, along with BHL's virtual meeting housekeeping rules.

**Ordinary Business:**

**Approval of Minutes, 2019 AGM:**

Proposed by Shane Spence and seconded by David Stallard.

**Convenor's Report:**

A pre-recorded video presentation by David Stallard was shown; a copy of which is available on request.

**Financial Statements for Year Ending 31.03.2020**

Scott Adie presented the Annual Accounts 2019/20, which were then proposed by Susan White and seconded by Alison Campbell.

**Appointment of the Board of Directors:**

The official adoption of Jo Page to the Board of Directors was proposed by David Stallard and seconded by Susan White.

Susan then explained that in order to comply with BHL's constitution, each year a third of the Board members need to stand down from the Board. Scott Adie and

Shane Spence duly stood down and both sought re-election. Scott and Shane's re-appointment was proposed by Susan White and seconded by Jane MacDonald.

Susan White asked those present if there were any comments or questions. There being none, the meeting continued.

**Executive Director's Report and Annual Plan Update:**

A pre-recorded video presentation by Susan White was shown; a copy of which is available on request.

Afterwards, Susan asked those present if there were any comments or questions. Cllr Isabelle MacKenzie asked if BHL is aware of Highland Council's Covid19 Ward Funding; and suggested that funding may be available across the Highland wards in which BHL operates. Susan thanked Cllr MacKenzie for her suggestion and asked that she send the relevant details to BHL.

**Volunteer Long-Service Awards:**

A pre-recorded video of long-service volunteers and some of their friends was shown to the audience. Several attendees commented afterwards that it is this part of the AGM which is the most worthwhile. All long-service volunteers will receive their awards by post this year, due to Covid19 restrictions.

**Any Other Competent Business:**

David Stallard asked the audience if anyone had any further questions or suggestions relating to BHL's service. There being none, he thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.00PM.