



LONDON FEDERATION OF HOUSING CO-OPERATIVES

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10:30am Sat. 28th May 2022 by teleconference

Minutes

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

a. PRESENT: Greg Robbins (Exec and Dennis), Mick O'Sullivan (Chair, Finsbury Park), Glyn Thomas (Exec), Mike Roberts (Exec), Kate Brown (Unit 11), Ron Bartholomew & Hilary Ellwood (Middlesex), John Elgey (Everbrook), Niall Mulholland (Exec, Longlife), Paul Taylor (Southbank), Lynda Rose (Southbank), Jenny Vuglar (Vine St), Theo Sharieff (Park), Barry Rowan (Longlife), Mick Gilgunn (Finsbury Pk), Charlie Baker, Mark Allan (ABC Southwark), Marco Cavalcanti & William Massey (Plum Tree), Martin Dumont (Leytonstone, Exec), Caitlin O'Hagan, Wilfried Rimensberger (Exec, Millbank), Lise Marie Ake-Danho-Sy, Steven Lancashire, Mark Allan (West 11), Bianco Riemer, Alcatel 1S (?), John Elgey, Phil Connolly (QBTC), Senkacausevic

b. APOLOGIES: Martin Denyer (Phoenix), Daniel Taubman.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING of 4/12/21:** The minutes had been circulated. They were agreed as a true record, except that Martin Dumont was not present.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

4. ANNUAL OFFICERS REPORTS

a. Annual Report

The final printed annual report for 2021 had been only recently circulated, but the first draft of the interim report, with externally inspected accounts, had been circulated ahead of the meeting by email.

b. **Chair** – It had been a quiet year. Communication had continued with LTF, Just Space and Community Energy London. Addressing fuel poverty was a key issue co-ops need to support members with. Through these partnerships LFHC also influences

c. **SECRETARY:** Since the last meeting there had been little progress with the groups we are involved in, but behind the scenes there are still projects coming forward when we have more information. There are a number of groups of guardians seeking to form shortlife groups. The real issue for LFHC is ensuring representation from all our constituencies on the exec, both to promote projects and to ensure that there is a wider range of people and groups to feedback on to the LHP.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE:

a. Subscription: No change to subscription levels were proposed.

6. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Martin Denyer, Martin Dumont and Glyn Thomas stood down from the exec after

many years and were thanked for their contributions. The remaining executive members were prepared to stand again. Two new nominations had been made: Lisemarie Ake-Danho-Sy and Caitlin O'Hagan (London Renters Union).

The new elected exec was therefore:

Mick O-Sullivan	Greg Robbins	Lisemarie Akedanho
Caitlin O'Hagan	Colin Penn	Niall Mulholland
Wilfried Rimensberger	Mike Roberts	Theo Sharieff

- 7. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2021:** Copies of the accounts were available, which had been approved by the Exec. The accounts showed the additional £1,500 loan stock that had been purchased until 31/12/21, bringing the total to £2,500. The accounts were accepted by the members.
- 8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE COMING YEAR:** The planned review of possible audit providers had not happened. The exec would consider whether to review auditors next year, though this year the process had gone more smoothly. The proposal to reappoint Keith Johnson to carry out an independent review was agreed unanimously.
- 9. Other Projects**

Wilfried Rimensberger reported that Just Space had been working on Just Collaborate, which could provide funding for work with young people in their communities.
- 10. Workers Union**

Niall Mulholland gave a verbal report on a workers' co-op union conference he had attended. There was interest in further contact. Union-coops.uk

EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION: (TBC later)

1. After the meeting it was agreed that the next Executive meeting would be held by Zoom on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 5pm.