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**Minutes of the 80th Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 4pm via Zoom.**

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Honorary President**

Maureen McGinn, SCVO’s Honorary President, welcomed attendees to the meeting and explained the meetings online procedures for recording and voting.

1. **Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The minutes of the 79th Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 have been approved.

1. **Report from Convener and Chief Executive**

Andrew Burns, Convener, and Anna Fowlie, Chief Executive reported on the work of SCVO during 2022/23.

The Convener noted the demanding challenges we have faced but praised the resilience of Voluntary Sector. The Convener also highlighted some of SCVO’s achievements from the past year, in particular, SCVO’s Information Service, Training Service, Goodmoves and securing commitments to Fairer Funding.

The Convener thanked the SCVO Staff and Board of Trustees for their work and support over his two terms, and also thanked SCVO’s members for their essential work across the sector.

The Chief Executive noted that we are now in the first year of our new five-year plan, Ambitious for SCVO, Ambitious for the Voluntary Sector, and highlighted our new Strategic Aims – Being an Authoritative Voice for the Sector, Supporting a Diverse Sector, and Performing Well to Deliver Success.

The Chief Executive also noted our work on Digital Inclusion, in particular, the guide we have developed on AI, and how to maximise the opportunities that it offers. Our Essential Sector Campaign which was launched at The Gathering, will also feature regularly on our Social Media platforms, and also noted the success of The Gathering and The Gathering Extra.

The Chief Executive thanked Andrew Burns and Adam Lang for their time as Trustees with SCVO.

1. **Financial Statements for the year to 31st March 2022**

Fiona Gillespie, SCVO’s Treasurer, reported on the Financial Statements for the financial year 2022/23 and confirmed that there had been an unqualified audit report from our Auditors Cheine and Tait.

The Honorary President thanked Fiona Gillespie for her time and work as SCVO’s Treasurer, noting that Fiona will stand down from this role at the end of the year.

1. **Appointment of Auditors**

The Honorary President confirmed that Cheine and Tait have been appointed as SCVO’s auditors from 2023 to 2024 and that the Board has been authorized to determine their remuneration.

1. **Elections to Board of Trustees**

The Honorary President reported that eight candidates were put forward for one place on the Board of Trustees. The successful candidate from the voting is Bushra Iqbal.

The Honorary President also noted the appointment of our new Convener, Richard Jennings, and thanked the outgoing Convener, Andrew Burns for his service over the last six years.

1. **Points from the Floor**

An issue was raised in regard to emails not reaching their destination. Tim Hencher apologised to the members in question and noted that we would reply directly as a matter of urgency.

1. **Closing Remarks from the Honorary President**

The Honorary President thanked Members, guests and SCVO staff for their help in organizing and participating in the AGM.