

# MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

# **SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 2023**

#### **Present:**

Members: David Greenhalgh, Stewart MacDougall, Martin Putsey, Janna Geenhalgh, Cameron Anson (Chair), Jenny Wright, Anne Baxter, Brik Halcrow, Emily Wilkins, Terry Ward, Rutger Emmelkamp, Neil Crosby, Julie Ward, Nigel Burgess, Rosie Burgess, Neil Harvey, Sandy Brunton, Jane Brunton, Jane Griffiths, Rob Claxton-Ingham

In attendance: Celia Compton (General Manager)

#### **Apologies:**

With proxy: - Rob McManaway, Morven Gibson, Miek Zamborn

Without proxy: - Gill Morley, Judy Gibson, Jon Lloyd, Margaret Mathews, Rachel Oliver, Matthew Oliver

#### 1. Welcome

## 2. Community Right to Buy Presentation

CA presented information that explained in more detail the powers and constraints of the CRtB legislation and the various options available to communities.

3. Vote re: approval of new Articles to comply with Community Right to Buy legislation, enabling us to take advantage of all the available powers of the Land Reform Act 2003.

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Anne Baxter proposed the motion that SWMID change its Articles of Association to comply with the Land Reform Act, as described. This was seconded by Sandy Brunton. A vote took place with 22 votes in favour (19 present and 3 proxy) and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

# 4. Re: SWMID investigating charitable status.

SWMID wishes to consider becoming a charity and would like the support of members to investigate the options and implications of this. Not being a charity restricts our access to funding. However, we don't want to restrict our trading activity.

David Greenhalgh proposed the motion that SWMID explore the pros and cons of charitable status for a vote to be taken at the next AGM. This was seconded by Stewart MacDougall.

A vote took place with 23 votes in favour (20 present and 3 proxy). The motion was carried.

## 5. Any Other Business

- There was a discussion about the Scottish Government consultation on HPMAs general agreement that the values and purpose behind HPMAs were good, but that SWMID needs to feedback on detail and approach, importance of consulting communities, the need for more nuance. Individuals should also respond.
- Nigel Burgess mentioned the concurrent Community Wealth Building consultation.
- Rob Claxton-Ingham brought up the issue of the lack of a playpark in the area. He
  was advised to connect with local parents who have been looking at options.