



**Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of
Voluntary Health Scotland
Held on Thursday 25 November 2021 by Zoom**

Rob Murray, VHS Chair and Claire Stevens, VHS Chief Executive gave a warm welcome to everyone at the 17th VHS AGM (Annual General Meeting) and thanked them for attending.

Attendees: listed in Appendix.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies: listed in Appendix.

2 To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the AGM held on 5 November 2020

The minutes of the AGM held on 5 November 2020 were approved: proposed by Marion Finlay and seconded by Allan Johnstone.

3 Any matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters raised.

4 To receive a verbal report on the year's achievements, from Chair, Rob Murray

Rob commended the full Director's report within the Report and Statements Year Ended 31 March 2021 to the membership. He highlighted the annual conference and the VHS research report: '[Vaccine Inclusion – Reducing inequalities one Vaccine at a time](#)'. He welcomed new members and encouraged organisations to join if they were not currently members. Finally, Rob thanked the team at Scottish Government Healthcare Quality and Improvement Directorate for their support over the past year. He invited Claire Stevens, to say a few words.

Claire reported that work was currently being undertaken to develop a new three-year strategy which would build on achievements to date and keep health inequalities at the forefront of VHS work. Engagement with the membership, Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament and shining a light on the work of the membership would continue to be the focus of VHS work. Claire highlighted our role as secretariat of the Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities and work underway to scope the establishment of a Scottish Network for Community Link Workers. Finally, Claire thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

5 To receive the summary report on the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

David Main, VHS Treasurer, thanked Scottish Government and members for supporting VHS and gave a brief summary of the VHS Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet for the year to 31 March 2021. He advised that the accounts had been approved by the Board on 12 October 2021 and that the full accounts were available on the VHS website. He offered to answer any questions on the accounts by email.

6 To appoint/re-appoint the Board of Directors.

Rob thanked retiring Board member, Allan Johnstone (Inverclyde Community Development Trust) for his 6 years of service: Allan was a great champion of VHS and a tremendous support to fellow directors.

During the year, several directors stood down and Rob thanked Nicola Hanssen, Suzanne Cameron-Neilson and Nathan Sparling for their service and support and Allyson McCollam for her years of committed service and compassionate leadership as Chair.

Rob confirmed that 4 directors were continuing their period of service without need for re-election:

- Ian Bruce, Glasgow Council for Voluntary Service
- Robert Murray, Cancer Support Scotland
- Wilma Paterson, British Red Cross
- Nicola Sinclair, Edinburgh and Lothian Health Foundation

Rob asked members to approve the re-appointment of the following 3 directors for a further period of three years:

- Gemma Crompton, Alcohol Focus Scotland
- Lucy Mulvagh, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)
- Maureen O'Neill, Faith in Older People

The members approved the re-election of Gemma, Lucy and Maureen.

Rob asked members to approve the election of Christine Carlin, Home Start for an initial period of three years. The members approved the election of Christine.

7 Any other competent business

No other business raised.

Conclusion of AGM

Rob thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

Appendix

Attendees

Michelle	Armstrong-Surgenor	Playlist for Life
Lauren	Blair	Voluntary Health Scotland
John	Brown	Public Health Scotland
Ian	Bruce	Glasgow CVS / VHS Director
Andrew	Connal	Scottish Government
James	Cox	Independent social worker
Alison	Crofts	Voluntary Health Scotland
Gemma	Crompton	Alcohol Focus Scotland / VHS Director
Val	Ewan	NHS Tayside
Andrena	Faulkner	Life Changes Trust
Marion	Findlay	Volunteer Edinburgh
Paula	Fraser	VOX Scotland
Stephanie-Anne	Harris	Edinburgh Community Health Forum Inverclyde Community Development Trust / VHS
Allan	Johnstone	Director
Laura	Jones	RNIB Scotland The East of Scotland Branch of the British Dental Association
Colwyn	Jones	Friends of CIC
Carla	Kaspar	Waverley Care
Margaret	Lance	Chest Heart Stroke Scotland
Charmaine	Lee	VHS Director
David	Main	Vox Scotland
Michelle	McBride	University of Aberdeen
Paul	McNamee	University of Glasgow
Kirstin	Mitchell	Museums Galleries Scotland
Loretta	Mordi	VHS Director
Paul	Mooney	Speak Easy Lanarkshire
Ann	Muir	Scottish Human Rights Commission / ALLIANCE / VHS Director
Lucy	Mulvagh	Cancer Support Scotland / VHS Director
Rob	Murray	Public Health Scotland
Elizabeth	Oldcorn	

Maureen	O'Neill	Faith in Older People / VHS Director
Wilma	Paterson	British Red Cross / VHS Director
Vanessa	Paynton	Art in Healthcare
Ella	Perks	Positive Help
Wilma	Reid	Public Health Scotland
Sharon	Richardson	Helensburgh and Lomond Carers SCIO
Pat	Scrutton	Intergenerational National Network
Richard	Simpson	Stirling University
		VHS Director / Edinburgh & Lothian Health
Nicola	Sinclair	Foundation
Claire	Stevens	Voluntary Health Scotland
Louise	White	Scottish Government
	Armstrong-	
Michelle	Surgenor	Playlist for Life

Apologies

Katherine	Byrne	Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland
Clare	Cable	Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland
Hilda	Campbell	COPE Scotland
James	Jopling	British Heart Foundation
Justina	Murray	Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs

VHS Staff: Claire Stevens, Kimberley Somerside, Lauren Blair and Alison Crofts