



**Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Health Scotland
Held on Wednesday 30 November 2022
The Scottish Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh**

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2 Apologies for absence

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3 To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the AGM held on 25 November 2021

The minutes of the AGM held on 25 November 2021 were approved: proposed by Wilma Paterson and seconded by Paul Mooney.

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

Rob commended the full Director's report within the Report and Statements Year Ended 31 March 2022 to the membership. He said the Board were exceptionally proud of the progress the organisation had achieved during the financial year and highlighted some key areas of VHS work, including: research published into the lived experience of Covid-19 for those in marginalised communities which supported the Scottish Government's Inclusion Covid Vaccine steering group; progress in establishing and supporting a national network of over 300 of Scotland's community link workers and VHS's work as secretariat of the Cross Party Group (CPG) on Health Inequalities, which provided a platform for the remarkable work happening across Scotland to help reduce health inequalities.

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Rob thanked the staff team for their work, and Claire for her exceptional leadership, and the quality and volume of work undertaken.

Finally, Rob thanked the Scottish Government for their ongoing support and partnership.

5 To receive a verbal report on the strategic direction of VHS, from Claire Stevens, Chief Executive

Claire reflected on VHS's stated purpose: to create a healthier, fairer Scotland served by a thriving voluntary health sector. Claire looked forward to working with the staff team and the VHS network of members and supporters to achieve this and the organisation's wider aims: to amplify the voice and influence of the voluntary health sector; to promote strong and equal partnerships between the voluntary and statutory health sectors; to influence the evidence base for health policy and practice; and to improve the law, policy and systems so that they deliver better solutions to Scotland's health challenges.

6 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 summary of the VHS Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet for the year to 31 March 2022. He advised that the accounts had been approved by the Board on 12 October 2022 and that the full accounts were available on the VHS website. He offered to answer any questions on the accounts by email.

7 To note any retirements from the Board and propose any new members for election

Rob thanked retiring Board members Gemma Crompton and Jonathan Sentamu for their service and support.

Rob asked members to approve the election of nominees: Bushra Riaz, of Kidney Research UK and Emma Nieminen, of Diabetes Scotland for an initial period of three years. The members approved the election of Bushra and Emma (proposed by Gillian Hallard and seconded by Justina Murray).

Rob noted that all other existing directors had indicated that they wished to remain in post for the duration of their appointed term of office.

Conclusion of AGM

Appendix

Anastasiya	Adashkevich	Rowan Alba
Emili	Astrom	Dance Base
Errol	Baptiste	Advice Resolutions
Gillian	Bell	University of Glasgow
Angela	Bennett	Advice Resolutions
Lauren	Blair	Voluntary Health Scotland
Susan	Brown	The Scottish Parliament
Hilda	Campbell	COPE Scotland
Christine	Carlin	Home-Start UK
Joyce	Cattanach	Headway East Lothian
Alison	Crofts	Voluntary Health Scotland
Charles	Cumming	Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust
Sarah	Curtis	University of Edinburgh
Beth	Davidson	Children's Health Scotland
Jennifer	Forsyth	Obesity Action Scotland
Gillian	Hallard	RNIB
Stephanie-Anne	Harris	Edinburgh Community Health Forum
Shruti	Jain	Public Health Scotland
Dominic	Jarrett	North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership
James	Jopling	Parkinson's UK
Jill	Keegan	Outside the Box
Kym	Kestell	British Heart Foundation Scotland
	Mac	
Una	Fadyen	Children's Health Scotland
David	Main	Voluntary Health Scotland
Sarah	McHardy	(Royal Edinburgh Hospital) Volunteer Edinburgh
Catriona	Melville	Age Scotland
Paul	Mooney	VHS
Rob	Murray	Cancer Support Scotland
Justina	Murray	Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs
Susan	Murray	The David Hume Institute
Fiona	Partington	The Health Agency
Wilma	Paterson	CACE (Cumbernauld Action on Care of the Elderly)
Keith	Paterson	LGBT Health and Wellbeing
Elaine	Pritchard	Lloyd's

Rachael	Prothero	Paths for All
Bushra	Riaz	Kidney Research UK
Nicola	Sinclair	NHS Lothian Charity
Findlay	Smith	Voluntary Health Scotland
Kimberley	Somerside	Voluntary Health Scotland
Claire	Stevens	Voluntary Health Scotland
Joseph	Theodore	Open University
Derek	Todd	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Mona	Vaghefian	CHAS
Emma	Woodward	Rowan Alba
Emma	Young	British Heart Foundation Scotland

Apologies

Ian	Bruce	GCVS
Sandra	MacRory	SRHP
Emma	Nieminen	Diabetes Scotland
Maureen	O'Neill	Faith in Older People
Anne	Black	The Braveheart Association
Marion	Findlay	Volunteer Edinburgh
Sheila	Graham	Transform Forth Valley