

## **Development Trusts Association Scotland**

### **Minute of the 2024 Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 10.30am,  
In person at Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow

**Present – Provisional and Full Members:** Action Porty, Antermony Development Trust, Appin Community Development Trust, Applecross Community Company, Assynt Development Trust, Auchinleck Community Development Initiative, Barmulloch Community Development Company, Belhelvie Community Trust, Braehead, Broomridge & District Community Development Trust, Bridgend Farmhouse, Broadford & Strath Community Company, Brora Development Trust, Callander Community Development Trust, Carluke Development Trust, Cassiltoun Trust, Castle Douglas Development Forum, CLEAR Buckhaven & Methil, Community Central Hall, Cranhill Development Trust, Cromarty Community Development Trust, Cupar Development Trust, Dalmellington Parish Development Trust, Dunkeld, Birnam & District Community Development Trust, Dunvegan Community Trust, Eday Partnership, Ekopia Social Investments Ltd, Eyemouth Development Trust, Ferguslie Park Community Development Trust, Finnerne Development Trust, Fuse Youth Café, Glenboig Development Trust, Greener Kirkcaldy, Grow 73, Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust, Horshader Community Development, Huntly Development Trust, Inchinnan Development Trust, Inverclyde Community Development Trust, Jura Development Trust, Killin & Ardeonaig Community Development Trust, Kirkcolm Community Trust, Lambhill Stables, Lanark Community Development Trust, Largo Communities Together, Latheron, Lybster & Clyth Community Development Company, Lenzie Community Development Trust, Linlithgow Community Development Trust, Lochbroom Ullapool Community Trust, Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust, Lossiemouth Community Development Trust, Moffat Town Hall Redevelopment Trust, Mull and Iona Community Trust, Newtongrange Development Trust, Old Luce Development Trust, Portree and Braes Community Trust, Possilpark Peoples Trust, Rosemount Development Trust, Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust, Shapinsay Development Trust, Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group, Stow Community Trust, Strathfillan Community Development Trust, Strathnairn Development Company, Tayvallich Initiative, The Ecology Centre, The Langholm Initiative, The North Ronaldsay Trust, The Pairc Trust, Torry Development Trust, Uig Development Trust, West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust

**Present - Associate Members:** Argyll & Bute TSI, Jim Bristow, Burness Paull, Communities Housing Trust, Community Energy Scotland, Community Enterprise, Community Land Scotland, Crown Estate Scotland, Foundation Scotland, Highlands & Islands Climate Hub, Historic Environment Scotland, Home Energy Scotland, Imagine If. Space CIC, Inspiralba, John Gilbert Architects, Plunkett UK, Royal Bank of Scotland, Scottish Community Alliance, Social Investment Scotland, The 9CC Group, The National Lottery Community Fund

**In attendance:** Andrew Aldous, Craig Allan, Errin Anderson, Pamela Barnes, Audrey Dunn, Alice Duthuille, Annie Etherington, Ruth Evans, Linda Gillespie, Morven Lyon, John Main, Kay Marwick, Elspeth Mathieson, Isla McCulloch, Lynn Molleson, Felix Richardson, Julia Rolim, Pauline Smith, Felix Spittal, Fiona Taylor, Onie Tibbitt Laura Worku

Bill Gordon, Acorns2Trees; Maureen Brankin, Wilf Hughes, Cairnbaan Community Trust; Sue Holland Smith, CLD Standards Council Scotland; Simon Cameron, Katelin O'Neill, COSLA; Suileman Abdulahi, Margaret Craig, Martin Devlin, Kieran Kelly, Jonathan McAlpin, Mairead

McCormack, John Meehan, Deirdre Morrissey, Andy Tough, Brenda Turnbull, Development Trusts NI; Sophie Antonelli, Adam Kennerley DTA Wales; Liz Steele, Duneaton Community Council; Daisy Ford-Downes, Emily Macdonald, Firstport; Julia Dall, Mhairi Wylie, Highland Third Sector Interface; Francesca Couperwhite, Shona Flanagan, Highlands & Islands Enterprise; Garry Dalton, Keegan & Pennykid; Mark Brennan, Local Energy Scotland; Dan Richardson, North Arran Community Benefit Society; Barrie Hunter, Penumbra; Sarah-Jane Dale, Progress Partners; Hannah Thompson, Queen's University Belfast; Pauline Hinchion, Scottish Communities Finance; Kevin Lee, Scottish Football Association; Ryan Little, Gavin Ross, Scottish Government; Rachel Boyd, SCVO; Morgan Eller, Mike Staples, SOSCH; David Cooksey, Emma Langridge, Touchstone

## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

DTAS Chair, Michael Roy (MR), welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. MR thanked the whole Board for all of their hard work and support over the past year.

MR introduced Tracy Thomson (TT), Board Trustee and Treasurer, who would give an overview of DTAS finances and Pauline Smith (PS), DTAS Chief Executive who would present the appointment of the Board of Trustees and the annual review.

MR confirmed that the meeting was quorate (quorum: 15 members).

## **2. Apologies**

The AGM noted apologies from Eric Munro.

## **3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

The Minute of last year's Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023, was approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

**Proposed:** Sandy Brunton, Mull and Iona Community Trust

**Seconded:** Graham Black, Moffat Town Hall Redevelopment Trust

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Financial Report**

The Treasurer, TT, presented the Annual Accounts for 2023-2024, copies of which were made available in advance of the AGM on the DTAS website.

In the verbal finance report, it was explained that the accounts only covered DTAS the charity. The wholly-owned trading subsidiary, DTAS Trading, had been wound up as of July 2024. Consolidated accounts were no longer required.

As a charity, the audited accounts were produced using the SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting & Reporting for charities) framework.

TT reported Reserves of £688,994 (Unrestricted total £333,585 and Restricted £355,409). TT informed the AGM that although DTAS currently has a three-month reserves policy the aim of the Finance & Resources sub-committee was to increase to six months this year.

The report showed that the Charity had an overall surplus of £35,445 (Unrestricted £12,970 and Restricted £22,475).

TT further explained a number of figures within the accounts and in conclusion, reported that the DTAS financial position was reasonably robust and that the current accounts were in good order.

In closing, TT thanked the DTAS finance team and the Finance & Resources sub-committee for their efforts.

The Chair noted that the accounts had been audited by Robb Ferguson Accountants and approved by the Board of Directors. There were no questions to the Treasurer and the AGM formally approved the Annual Accounts for 2022-2023.

**Proposed:** Jim Bristow, Individual Associate

**Seconded:** Maureen Flynn, Rosemount Development Trust

The Chair explained that the DTAS Board would run a tender for audit services in the autumn and the Board would look to appoint auditors after this process is complete. This proposal was agreed by the AGM.

## **5. Appointment of the Board of Trustees for 2024-25**

A profile of all Board candidates was available in advance of the AGM on the Members Area of the DTAS website.

PS thanked the current board for their commitment and hard work over the last 12 months. She noted that three trustees were standing down and not seeking re-election and they were:

- Stephen McCarron, The 9CC Group
- Eric Munro, Individual Associate
- Alex Walker, Ekopia Social Investments Ltd

PS thanked Eric Munro and Alex Walker in particular for their long-standing and dedicated support over the years.

The DTAS Constitution required that co-opted trustee, Sarah Compton-Bishop also stood down at the AGM.

PS explained that the DTAS Constitution required that one third of the current Trustees on the Board retire at the AGM. Two were seeking re-election and they were:

- Janet Miles, Full Member, Gairloch and Loch Ewe Action Forum.
- Michael Roy, Full Member, Antermoney Development Trust.

Three further nominations had been received:

- Andy Cuthbertson, Full Member, Rosemount Development Trust
- Matt Pearce, Full Member, West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust
- Mellissa Thomson, Full Member, Eday Partnership

**The AGM was asked to agree the following as the proposed DTAS Board for 2024-2025:**

10 continuing Trustees:

- Graham Black, Full Member, Moffat Town Hall Redevelopment Trust
- Jim Bristow, Associate Member, Individual
- Sandy Brunton, Full Member, Mull & Iona Community Trust
- David Fryer, Full Member, Torry Development Trust
- Jane Lamont, Full Member, Beith Community Development Trust
- Ewen McLachlan, Full Member, Assynt Development Trust
- Mark McRitchie, Full Member, Community Central Hall
- Tom Sneddon, Full Member, Carluke Development Trust
- Tracy Thomson, Associate Member, Royal Bank of Scotland
- Lindsay Wood, Full Member, Burnfoot Community Futures

2 Trustees seeking re-election:

- Janet Miles, Full Member, Gairloch & Loch Ewe Action Forum (GALE)
- Michael Roy, Full Member, Antermony Development Trust

3 New Trustee nominations:

- Andy Cuthbertson, Full Member, Rosemount Development Trust
- Matt Pearce, Full Member, West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust
- Mellissa Thomson, Full Member, Eday Partnership

The AGM agreed with the proposal.

**Proposed:** Brendan Rooney, Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust

**Seconded:** Michael Roy, Antermony Development Trust

The DTAS Board for 2024-25 would therefore be composed of these 15 Trustees.

## **6. DTAS Strategy 2024-27**

PS presented the new DTAS strategy for 2024-27. The strategy was not just a roadmap for the next three years; it was a reflection of our commitment to building on the successes of the past two decades while evolving to meet the new and emerging needs of communities across Scotland.

PS set out the DTAS Vision, Mission and Values, as well as the four strategic goals which were: advocacy and influencing; building resilient and strong community infrastructure; communication, research and knowledge exchange; sustaining a strong successful and reliable organisation.

PS expressed her confidence that the new strategy would position DTAS and support our members to make an impact

## **7. Any Other Business**

With no further business, MR closed the AGM at 11am.