

Canopy Housing Annual General Meeting

Hybrid meeting held at 66 Burley Lodge Road, Leeds LS6 1QF and via Zoom

1.00pm, Tuesday 27 June 2023

<p>Current board members present: Keith Gibson (Chair), Danielle Joy (Treasurer), Bridget Relton* (Secretary), Martyn Broadest*, Leroy Ivanov*, Janet Onslow, Mark Rutherford*, Kinga Salisbury*, Mhairi Tomlinson*</p> <p>Proposed new board members present: Andrea Cowans*</p> <p>Members present: Yoseph Ahmed*, Laura Barker, Stuart Hall, Aisling McGovern*, David Nugent, Patrick Spencer*, Rebecca Thewlis*, Sharon Whitehurst</p> <p>* indicates attendance by Zoom</p>	
<p>1. Apologies for absence: Anna Łysakowska, Lyn Charters</p>	
<p>2. Annual Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DN thanked everybody for making the 25th Anniversary Celebrations two weeks earlier such a good day. It had been a great opportunity for supporters, donors and funders to meet volunteers, tenants, staff and Board Members.• DN highlighted the ‘triple whammy’ crisis facing the UK: climate justice, social justice and economic justice. Canopy was a rare organization capable of tackling all three through its actions.• DN thanked volunteers and the properties team for their hard work on 67 Bayswater Grove, Jasmine for organizing the celebrations, Gary for creating some fantastic films, and the rest of the staff team for keeping things running smoothly through a pandemic, funding crises and personal crises.• DN thanked Board for giving their time, experience and knowledge expecting very little in return.• DN thanked funders, lenders, donors and supporters for believing in Canopy and continuing to support the society’s work.	
<p>3. Financial Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DJ confirmed Board had reviewed the audited accounts and recommended that those present adopt them.• Members agreed to adopt the accounts.• DN, SH and KG thanked DJ for her hard work preparing the accounts.	
<p>4. Appointment of auditors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both DJ and SH expressed their satisfaction with the new auditors Sagars, who had been appointed last year following a tender exercise.• Members agreed to appoint Sagars to audit the 2023 accounts.	

<p>5. Minutes of 2021 AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All present indicated that the minutes were a true & accurate record. There were no matters arising. 	
<p>8. Board Member Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MB, KG, JO and MR stood down having reached the end of their current fixed terms as Board Members. DN confirmed MB, JO and MR had expressed a desire to stand for a further three years. DN confirmed AC had been recruited and had agreed to stand for election as Chair, on condition that KG remain as Deputy Chair for a handover period of twelve months. KG confirmed he agreed to this proposal. The following Board Members were appointed for a period of three years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrea Cowans (standing as Chair) Martyn Broadest (re-elected) Janet Owens (re-elected) Mark Rutherford (re-elected) Keith Gibson (standing as Deputy Chair) was appointed for a period of twelve months. Everyone present welcomed Andrea to the Board. DN confirmed that the Board now had its maximum quota of twelve members. DN confirmed that with the membership list now reconstituted, the 2024 Board Elections would be conducted by electronic means ahead of the 2024 AGM. 	DN
<p>8. Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues raised 	
<p>10. Acknowledgements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC thanked everybody for their support and their attendance. 	