

Scotland's International Development Alliance
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 4th December 2024

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was held online at 13:00 GMT

Attendees:

The minimum quorum of 10% of full membership was met.

Alison Aitken, Angie Wynn, Becky Kenton Lake, Bee Roy, Ben Wilson, Calum Craig, Cameron Don, Cathy Ratcliff, Chad Morse, Charlotte Dwyer, Chris Hegarty, Cicely Clarke, Diana Firth, Desire Ruragaragaza, Duncan McQueen, Elfreda Whitty, Emma Gardner, Jamie Livingstone, Jamie McIntosh, Jo Vallis, Johnny Fisher, Laura Smith, Lois Dikko, Louise Davies, Marian Pallister, Mark Thompson, Moira Dunworth, Murray Wilson, Patrick Grady, Peter McGeachie, Philippa Ramsden, Rob Wakeling, Stuart Brown, Susan Obasi Ikeagwu, Will Smith, Yulia Nesterova, Zoe Hopkins,

SIDA staff present: Deirdre Muldowney, Frances Guy, Francis Rodgers, Hannah Clyne,

Apologies: Benjamin Carey, Chrissie Cvetkovic Hirst, Dorcas Pratt, John Nelson, Linda Hopper.

1. Introduction

Cathy Ratcliff, Chair of the Board of Trustees welcomed members to the AGM.

2. Minutes Of Previous AGM

Minutes of previous meetings were approved by the AGM;

2023 AGM minutes were proposed by Jamie Livingston, Oxfam; seconded by Ben Wilson, SCIAF.

3. Trustees Report

Cathy introduced the Trustees report noting it technically covers year 23/24 and the full report can be found in the annual accounts.

She highlighted the main points of the report and shared some updates for the current financial year.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Trustee Cathy Ratcliff as the Treasurer, Fiona Greig was unable to attend the AGM.

Cathy talked through the Treasurer's report – highlighting key points including a summary of income, viewing membership income trends over the past few years, and noting the growth in unrestricted reserves. She noted that the challenge for the future is an ongoing reliance on government grants, with opportunities to explore unrestricted income options and develop corporate relationships.

5. Presentation of Annual Accounts 2023-2024

The annual accounts were provided to our members for information, having been previously approved by the Board.

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed that Paul Clelland be appointed again to examine 2024-2025 annual accounts. Yulia Nesterova proposed and Will Smith seconded. Paul's appointment was approved by the AGM.

7. Confirmation of membership fees (no change)

Cathy Ratcliff confirmed that membership fees will remain the same with no increase for 25/26 planned.

8. Election of trustee(s)

Chris Hegarty explained that three existing Board members were standing again: Ben Wilson, Cathy Ratcliff and Cicely Clarke. There were also two new nominations: Mya Chemonges – and Charlotte Dwyer. Charlotte was coopted to the board in April to help lead the partnership with IDEAS, the International Development Education Association in Scotland and was now standing to be elected.

As there are more places than nominations, it was proposed that this AGM formally approve the nominations unless there were any objections. No objections were recorded.

Chris welcomed Mya and Charlotte to the board of Trustees and welcomed Ben, Cathy and Cicely back.

9. Election of Chair

Members gave approval for trustees to elect the Chair at the next Board meeting.

10. AOB

There was no other business raised. The meeting was then concluded.