



**MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE GATESBIELD QUAKER HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD
HELD AT GATESBIELD HOUSE ON 9th MAY 2018 AT 7:00PM**

1 Present:

Members Present:

Michael Carter, Celia Case, Jean Dean, Sylvia Frith, Sheila Hall, Jenny Launder, David Le Mare, Chris Moakes, Marilyn Robinson, Mary Robinson, Hilary Southall, Hester Willink

Tenants Present:

Judith Bateson, Barbara Nelson, Monica Rothera, Anna Webster

Sponsors Present:

Mary Stone

Staff Present:

Toni Ingman, Nick Harrison, Martin Rouen,

Others present by invitation:

Dave Aspinall, Wendie Upsall

Apologies for absence:

Timothy Bartlett, Janet Boardley, Andree Cook, Marion Dadds, Margaret Free, Janet Garlick, Jo Grundy, Fiona Jones, Peter Lowden, Maime Pearcey, Karen Rouen, Bernard Rushton, Hazel Smith, Christine Squires, John Studholme, Ann Taylor, Ann Thomson, Janet Thompson, John Voysey, Rosie Whiting, Margaret Wilson

2 Death of Ann Thomson

With sadness, we learnt that, since receiving her apologies for absence at our meeting Ann Thomson died peacefully on 6th May 2018. She was an active member of the then Management and House Committees in the early years of Gatesbield. We are grateful for her service.

3 Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting held on 14th June 2017 have been circulated and are approved, but with the removal of Paul Stewart from the list of attendees.

4 Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31st December 2017

Mary Robinson described the key developments at Gatesbield in 2017 and presented the Annual Report. She thanked the Tenant Board Members, Margaret Free and Peter Lowden, for their invaluable work. Thanks were also expressed to the staff and all the volunteers for their hard work and commitment over the last year, and to Michael Carter and David Le Mare for their work on the Craft Cottage Project.

We thank our Treasurer Michael Carter for his clear presentation of the Annual Accounts for the year 2017. We note the satisfactory financial performance in 2017, in line with the forecasts in the Business Plan. We also note that, looking ahead, completing the redevelopment of Craft Cottage, would significantly help to secure Gatesfield's longer-term financial stability. We approve the accounts.

5 Membership of the Board of Management

Tenant Board Members

Under our rules, Tenants may elect up to two Tenant Board Members.
Margaret Free and Peter Lowden continue to serve as Tenant Board Members.

Board Members appointed by Members of the Association

Mary Robinson and Jenny Launder have, in accordance with the governing rules of the organisation, retired as the longest serving Board Members and in the absence of other nominations we re-appoint them to the Board and are grateful for their continued service.

The Board of Management for the forthcoming year therefore comprises:
Michael Carter, Margaret Free, Jenny Launder, David Le Mare, Peter Lowden, Marilyn Robinson, Mary Robinson and Hilary Southall. Dave Aspinall, Andree Cook and Martin Rouen will also normally attend Board meetings by invitation.

6 Independent Examiners

We agree to re-appoint Stables Thompson and Briscoe as our Independent Examiners for the year 2018.

7 Any other Business

There being no other business, our Chair closed the meeting with a period of silence