

**AGM Meeting**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**15.45pm – 16.15pm**

University of Strathclyde, The Technology & Innovation Centre  
 99 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RD

**Attendees:**

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1	Alison Clyde	GWT, Chief Executive Officer
2	George Kay	GWT, Chair
3	Arthur DONALDSON MBE	GWT Treasurer, Trustee
4	Margaret Mcleod	GWT Trustee
5	Graham Hewitson	GWT Trustee
6	Jude Currie	GWT Trustee
7	Kirsteen Campbell	Caithness & Sutherland Network Coordinator
8	Anne Callaghan	GWT Trustee
9	Liz Forbat	GWT Trustee
10	Kate Samuels	GWT, Communications & Policy Officer
11	Anne Gordon	Dumfries & Galloway Network Coordinator
12	Louise Pardoe	East Lothian & Midlothian Network Coordinator
13	Rowena Statt	Glasgow Network
14	Liz Rowlett	Forth Valley Network Coordinator
15	Jenny Simpson	Trellis - Forth Valley Network
16	Lynsey Neilson	Glasgow Network
17	Denise Nicolson	Shetland Isles Network Coordinator
18	Karen Moyes	Glasgow Network
19	Michal White	Screen Memories
20	Clare Mills	North Ayrshire Network
21	Jaci Douglas	Highland Network
22	Jayne MacIntosh	Highlands Network

**Apologies**

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Ewan Fisher (GWT Trustee); Gina Sato (GWT Trustee); Elizabeth Bryan (GWT Trustee); George Bellamy (GWT Trustee), Laura Biggart, Ashleigh McCaskill, Bellann O’Brien, Shonagh Ferguson, Caitlyn Cooper-McCulloch, Alison Black, Tanya Smith, Anne Horn, Jenny Sutton & Lorraine Anderson.

## **Minutes of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 were presented by George Kay, Chair of GWT.  
All agreed minutes of previous meeting are accurate. KC proposed, seconded by LF

There were no questions, and the attendees voted the minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 unanimously.

### **Chair's report**

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George Kaye began by thanking all those present for their attendance. He went on to report on a "fairly successful" year during which many goals have been achieved. Significant among these achievements is a growing recognition from Scottish Government of GWT's important role as an advisory agency in policy areas including loneliness, isolation and housing.

This recognition has been reflected in an additional financial allocation and clear encouragement to apply for funds that will shortly be distributed. GWT continues to face financial challenges, as a small charitable organisation, but these have largely been overcome for the present. However, if the organisation is to continue to grow its activities and increase its impact, it needs to make stringent efforts to raise more funds.

The organisation has been successful in attracting some grant funding for the delivery of specific projects but needs to be conscious of achieving the appropriate balance between securing sufficient finance to support core operations and developing specific projects. A specific financial issue at present is the delay in the Scottish Government setting its budget, as a consequence of the December 2019 General Election, which has had a knock-on implication for all SG funded bodies such as GWT. That said, the delay has been managed successfully and without significant detriment to staff or operations.

Over the course of the past year, GWT has been able to strengthen its staff base, recruiting new members to the team and recognising staff contributions through salary. The changes have increased the overall capacity of the team and contributed to both new developments and the delivery of core activities including training and network support.

George concluded his remarks by saying that he is looking forward to the coming year with some anticipation and hopes that it will be a year of significant progress and development for GWT.

### **Treasurer report**

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Arthur Donaldson OBE presented the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2019 for approval by the members.

In doing this, Arthur gave an overview of the finances of GWT, highlighting a number of issues that he thought the members needed to be aware of.

He thanked the independent examiner of the accounts, Anne Knox, Community Accounting Scotland for her support and advice through-out the year.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report and the Accounts are attached.

The accounts for 2018-19 were unanimously approved by the meeting.

## **Appointment of trustees**

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George Kay informed the meeting that Margaret McLeod and Arthur Donaldson were standing down from their Trustee role. He thanked them for all of their work on behalf of GWT.

These retirements mean that there are two vacancies on the Board, including the position of Treasurer. George asked that anyone who felt that they would like to contribute to GWT as a Trustee should make their interest known.

George Kay then asked current trustees in attendance to stand up and introduce themselves to the attendees including Graham Hewitson, Jude Currie, Anne Callaghan and Liz Forbat. All of whom have indicated a willingness to continue as trustees.

He informed the meeting that Ewan Fisher, Gino Sato, George Bellamy and Elizabeth Bryan were also willing to remain on the Board.

The continuation of existing Trustees was agreed unanimously.

The following appointments from within the Board were then made:

Chair            George Kay

Vice-chair     Graham Hewitson

**There was no further business.**

## **Date of next meeting**

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George Kay confirmed that the next AGM would be held Feb/March 2021, with the final date to be confirmed in due course.

George then thanked all the voting members, staff and trustees for attending and for their contribution without which GWT would be unable to be effective.