



Who Cares? Scotland
Annual General Meeting
The Greenwood Conference Centre
Greenwood Gate, Irvine KA11 4GZ
Saturday 27th October 2018
12:00 - 13:00

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Alicia Santana (AS, Interim Chair), Megan Sutherland (MS), Sarah-Jane Linton (SJL)

23 WC?S Members in attendance:

Amy Miah, Angela Haverstock, Anthony Nicol, Barry Colquhoun, Chloe Wyper, Christopher Marshall, Curtis Reid, David Grimm, Dylan Duff, Dylan Forsythe, Jeanette Miller, Julia Roberts, Laura Lloyd, Lauren Young, Lee Davidson, Liam Slaven, Lynda Greig, Paul Smith, Rebecca Munro, Ryan McCuaig, Ryan McShane, Suman Asif, Tia Mure

Who Cares? Scotland Staff in Attendance:

Duncan Dunlop (CEO), Rebecca Kayne (minutes), Michaela Martincova (technical support), Carly Edgar (counting votes)

Board Member Apologies:

Anna Fowlie, Carron Bell, Euan Haggerty, Ian Price, Jimmy Paul, Liz Delaney, Seonag Mackinnon

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Sarah-Jane Linton, Board Member, welcomed members to the meeting and explained the agenda. SJL will be presenting all agenda items except the Report from the Chair.

2. Report from the Chair

Alicia Santana, Interim Chair, presented a review of Who Cares? Scotland's achievements since the launch of the new Strategic Plan in October 2017.

- Rights
 - Increased reporting of advocacy in the past 12 months
 - Top 5 advocacy issues include contact with siblings; 70% of siblings are separated when they enter care; this is under review by the government.
- Belonging
 - Surpassed 2000 members in July 2018
 - Successful Care Day and Carelidh in February
 - 4th annual Christmas Dinner and 5th annual Summer Camp

- **Influencing**
 - Who Care? Scotland, the care system and the rights of care experienced people are currently at the forefront of Scottish politics.
 - Callum Lynch spoke to the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.
 - Alicia Santana and Ryan McShane addressed the UN in Geneva and asked for love to be incorporated into the UNCRC as a Human Right.
 - MSYPs Helen Johnstone and Ryan McShane presented motions to the Scottish Youth Parliament.
 - Held the first ever Love Rally to demonstrate our commitment to a Lifetime of Equality, Respect and Love for Care Experienced People.
- **Pioneering**
 - Launched our 40 Acts of Love Campaign to celebrate 40 years of WC?S
 - Kevin Browne-MacLeod became the first care experienced Director of WC?S.
 - In July 2018, 25.7% of WC?S staff were care experienced.
 - More than 600 people took part in the Kiltwalks and raised over £90,000.
 - Won UK Charity of the Year 2018 and UK Advocacy and Campaigning Award 2018 because we have been instrumental in significant change.

3. Introductions

SJL explained the role of the board is to govern and highlighted the challenges that come with such a fast-moving organisation. Each board member introduced themselves in person or by video.

4. Minutes of the AGM held in Glasgow 27th October 2017

The minutes of the AGM held 27.10.17 were approved as a true and accurate reflection.

Proposed: Lynda Greig

Seconded: Christopher Marshall

5. Annual Accounts for year ending 31st March 2018

A summary of the accounts was discussed, and complete copies of the annual accounts provided to those who requested them. The accounts for year ending 31.03.18 were approved.

Proposed: Liam Slaven

Seconded: Angela Haverstock

6. Appointment of Auditors

Megan Sutherland explained that the auditors are an independent body that review our accounts and finances every year. Wylie and Bissett were reappointed as auditors.

Proposed: Tia Mure

Seconded: Jeanette Miller

7. Resignations and acknowledgements of remaining Board Members

Board members who resigned in 2017/2018 are:

- Ali Coates
- Frazer Molyneux
- Jolene Campbell
- Kieran McWhirter
- Matthew Friess

Board members who are continuing in 2018/2019 are:

- Alicia Santana
- Anna Fowlie
- Carron Bell
- Euan Haggerty
- Ian Price
- Jimmy Paul
- Liz Delaney
- Megan Sutherland
- Sarah-Jane Linton
- Seonag MacKinnon

8. Nominations of New Board Members

Following a rigorous selection process, three candidates were identified to fill the vacant spaces on the board. Each of the new candidates introduced themselves to the members. After all three candidates spoke, a vote was held for each of them in turn. All three candidates were elected by a majority of members present. The new board members are:

- Laura Lloyd
- Lee Davidson
- Ryan McCuaig

9. Vote of Thanks

On behalf of the board, SJL presented a vote of thanks. She acknowledged the significance of our achievement as UK Charity of the Year. She thanked Duncan Dunlop, the man who brought Love into the conversation. She thanked the members for their drive, energy and commitment and their willingness to go to camp and throw themselves into a river! She also thanked the other board members for their work and commitment over the past 12 months.

10. Any Other Business

Members asked the following questions:

- **Q:** Why is the age limit 26 for the care experienced bursary?
A: Laura Lloyd advised that the Corporate Parenting Team are currently looking at ways to address and respond to this. **Action: members asked if there could be an update on this topic in the next Speak Out**
- **Q:** Is there support available for people trying to claim the council tax exemption?
Inconsistency between local authorities makes the process difficult and complicated.
A: This might be something that the alumni group could challenge.
- **Q:** Who Cares? Scotland needs to communicate with young people in different ways, not just through Speak Out.

A: Euan Graham, National Development Coordinator for the Membership Team, advised that this was one of the areas covered by the membership survey and we will be making changes based on those responses.

- **Q:** Why haven't we seen improvements to the website?

A: There are planned changes that haven't been implemented yet, e.g. a page with details of all the board members.

- **Q:** Why is the WC?S logo still only white, able-bodied people?

A: rebranding is a lengthy process, but definitely something that should be looked at.

- **Q:** The format of the AGM, with board members sitting behind a table feels like a LAC Review.

Action: Consider a different layout for next year.

- A member also asked why Who Care? Scotland doesn't have a free phone number.

11. Concluding Remarks

Members were advised they can contact the board on board@whocarescotland.org.

The 2018 Annual General Meeting was brought to a close.