



Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise

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Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise Ltd (SVE)

Scottish Charity no. SC041875 - Company No SC387876

Minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On Thursday 25th September 2025

Colleges Scotland/Microsoft Teams

Members:

Alison Richmond-Ferns	Action in Mind
Francine Orr	Action in Mind
Kevin Harrison	Artlink Central
Richard Norman	Cambusbarron Community Development Trust
Eman Hani	Central Scotland Regional Equality Council
Maggie Gorman	Ceteris (Scotland) Ltd/SVE Board
Gary Airnes	Enable
Christopher John Drapper	Fintry Kirck, Church of Scotland
Laura Johnstone	Forth Valley Welcome
Iain Barclay	Resonate Together/SVE Board
Isobel Madden	Gartmore Community Trust
Kevin Reid	Plus Forth Valley Ltd
Karen Sweeney	Plus Forth Valley Ltd
Una MacFadyen	Plus Forth Valley Ltd
Richard McLennan	Safebase Scotland
Alison McClymont	Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH)
Frankie McKittrick	The Canmore Trust
Mhairi Dawson	The Canmore Trust
Morag Sorbie	Transition Stirling
Susan Fullerton	Values Connect Ltd
Jane McGeary	West Highland Way Trust

In Attendance:

Wendy Forrest	Clackmannanshire and Stirling HSCP
John Morris	MCR Pathways
Jacinta Jaylo Barker	R.I.S.E Forth Valley
Councillor McGarvey	Stirling Council
Nicole Debrincat	Stirling Council
Caroline Carmichael	Stirling Council
Lesley Wilkinson	Stirling PR
Cath Hood	SVE Board
Emma MacGregor	SVE Board
Graham Struthers	SVE Board
Lesley Gallagher	SVE Board
Natalie Masterson	SVE
Kainde Manji	SVE
Claire Brims	SVE
Gordon Mckenzie	SVE
Janet Kennedy	SVE
Kate Gilmour	SVE

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Liliana King	SVE
Matty Millar	SVE
Tony Channing	SVE
Tracy Duff	SVE
Tracey Nicholson	SVE

Apologies

Dougie Porteous	Active Stirling
Amanda Namey	Equ-Power RDA
Hugh Grant	Forth Valley Welcome
Anne Knox	IBSM Ltd
Jo Watson	Lanham
Paul Rimmer	Neuro Central
Rosemary Fletcher	RSVP
Diane Strachan	Scottish Government
Alan Clevett	The Leighton Library Trust

Agenda:

- Welcome and Apologies
- Minutes of Last Meeting 25th September 2024 and approval
- Chairs Report – Emma MacGregor
- Councillor McGarvey
- Presentation of Accounts
- Proposals – Ordinary Resolutions
 - Proposal 1 Adoption of Accounts
 - Proposal 2 Appointment of Independent Examiner
- Election of Directors
- New Chair Remarks
- Closing Remarks – Natalie Masterson

Welcome & Introductions

Emma MacGregor (SVE Chair) welcomed everyone to SVE's AGM. Emma thanked Kevin Harrison for setting the scene for the Collaboration, Creativity and Change presentation. Emma thanked Kainde and Tracy D for their workshops.

AGM Business:

Minutes of 2024

The minutes of SVE's 2024 AGM were approved.

Proposed by Graham Struthers and seconded by Alison Richmond-Ferns

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Chair's Report

Emma opened the AGM by welcoming attendees and reflecting on her final year as Chair. She expressed gratitude to the staff, trustees, volunteers, and members for their dedication and support.

Over the past Year SVE has:

- Supported 107 organisations with governance, finance, policy and fundraising
- Helped 7 groups achieve SCIO status and supported the registration of a new CIC
- Delivered training to 138 individuals on digital innovation and leadership
- Provided bespoke consultancy to 24 social enterprises, including four new ventures through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Supported the Forth Valley Social Enterprise Network and contributed to the Stirling Social Enterprise Strategy
- Worked with the Climate Action Hub to increase environmental engagement and funding access
- Distributed:
 - £253,504 to 25 groups via the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund
 - £410,000 to 25 organisations via the No One Left Behind Grants
- Stirling's Volunteering Portal grew by 36%, with a 65% increase and over 5,000 hours logged
- Hosted the successful Inspire Volunteering Awards, celebrating over 100 nominations and launched the Stirling 900 Award

Further Highlights:

- Community Link Workers supported 140 individuals and won Community Link Worker Team of the Year
- SVE continued to play a key role in Community Planning, chaired the Community Justice Partnership and contributed to health and social care integration
- Maintained strong sector communication through the Breakfast Clubs and Bulletins reaching over 900 people and a Stirling City Radio slot.
- Supported the first Forth Valley Pride, which was attended by over 7,000 people

Changes within SVE included:

- Departure of Deputy CEO Anne Knox and staff member Liz Rowlett
- Appointment of Dr Kainde Manji as Deputy CEO
- Trustee transitions: Farewells to Rachel Keenan and David Wilson, and a big welcome to Lesley Gallagher, Kirstie Blair and Maggie Gorman
- Maggie Gorman was proposed incoming chair

Emma closed by thanking the volunteers and wider SVE community, expressing confidence in the organisation's future leadership and direction.

Councillor McGarvey expressed his gratitude and the noted the importance and significance of the work SVE does by his colleagues at Stirling Council. Councillor McGarvey wished SVE every success and future success from himself and Stirling Council.

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Presentation of Accounts year- end 31st March 2024

Richard Norman introduced SVE's Accounts for 2024 - 2025

Proposals – Ordinary Resolutions

Proposal 1: Adoption of Accounts:

Proposed by Emma MacGregor and seconded by Iain Barclay

Proposal 2: Appointment of Independent Examiner:

Proposed by Emma MacGregor and seconded by Cath Hood

Re-election of Trustees

Election of Trustees

Graham Struthers
Richard Norman
Cath Hood
Iain Barclay
Lyndsay Condie

Proposed Directors for Election
Kirstie Blair
Lesley Gallagher
Maggie Gorman

Re-election of trustees approved by SVE members present.

Maggie Gorman, SVE Chair

Maggie shared SVE's vision, highlighting the importance of resilience, vision, and collaboration as core values. She emphasised SVE's role in empowering member organisations to lead positive change and foster connections across public, private and voluntary sectors, with the aim of building a resilient and thriving Stirling.

Closing Remarks

Natalie thanked the staff team, and volunteers for their tremendous work in the past year and in preparing for our AGM and summit today. Thanks was given to the Board who have been tireless in their leadership and support of Natalie and the SVE team. Natalie welcomed Lesley, Kirstie and Maggie and SVE new Chair, Maggie. A fond farewell was given to the trustees who had stepped down, Em, David, Rachel and Emma SVE's Chair. All trustees leave and indelible mark on SVE though their time commitment and leadership. Natalie gave a huge thank you to Emma for leading SVE these past few years and supporting Natalie. Emma will be greatly missed. Natalie closed today's AGM with a final thank you to all then attendees, for their willingness to collaborate, share your creativity and embrace positive change. Thank you for continuing to support SVE and our communities in Stirling.

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