

Rainbow Turtle AGM - 21st October 2022 – Paisley Methodist Central Hall

01. Welcome

Chris Johnstone (Chair) of the Management Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02. Present

Colum Scriven, Chris Johnstone (chair), Kitty McEachen, Steph Mayo, Anne McInnes, Elise Kelly, Steph Mayo, Linda Okhuoya-Ologe, Maureen Brough, Taylor Walker, Alison Walker, Marianne Sermanni.

03. Apologies

Gillian Henry, Clotilde Raydon, Ishbel and Trevor Jones, Joyce Jackson, Susan Hamill, Margaret Forbes, Roisin Mulholland and Duncan Macintosh

04. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the AGM held on 21/10/2021 were read and accepted. Proposed by Steph Mayo, seconded by Kitty McEachen.

05. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

06. Chair's Report

Anne Hay resigned as a trustee and the remaining 6 trustees were re-elected to the board.

Gemma Elliot, who held the roles of shop manager and education officer left Rainbow turtle at the end of March 2021. Elise Kelly joined Rainbow Turtle as the new shop manager and Linda Okhuoya-Ologe as our new education officer.

The Rainbow Turtle shop came out of Covid with the shop looking more colourful and more products on sale in it due to grants distributed by Renfrewshire Council.

The plans to move to a SCIO have been put on hold due to some financial concerns that the trustees had about combining the incomes from the charity and business. The combined income would exceed the VAT threshold and increase costs and make the accounts more complex. At present the trustees of the charity do not have limited liability which a SCIO would offer. It is possible that a 2 stage process will be taken to move the charity first to a SCIO to provide the trustees with limited liability. Later on the business could move to the SCIO to create a single entity.

Check Rainbow Turtle website link for full report:

<https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RT-AGM-2022-Chair-report.pdf>

07. Financial Report

Report is for the period April 2021 to March 2022. The balance on 31/2/22 was approximately £16k. This was due to larger grant from Renfrewshire Partnership funding and a grant from Scottish Fair Trade Forum (SFTF).

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<https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/RT-AGM-2022-Financial-Report.pdf>

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08. Election of Management Committee (Trustees)

Kitty McEachen stepped in as a temporary chair whilst the existing management team stepped down.

The following people were elected unanimously to serve in the coming year:

- Gillian Henry, Steph Mayo, Chris Johnstone, Ann McInnes, Marianne Sermanni and Colum Scriven.
- Maureen Brough proposed and Kitty McEachen seconded.

09. AOCB

No other business was discussed.

10. Close of business

The meeting was closed by Chris Johnstone (chair), with thanks to all attendees.