



# Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations

Campaigning for Housing Rights and Council Homes

*Bells Gardens Community Centre  
19 Buller Close, London  
SE15 6UJ*

## **Annual General Meeting Minutes of Wednesday 28th September 2022, 7-9pm Face to Face and Zoom**

**Staff:** Margaret Onwuta, Amanda Carey, Ahmed Kabba, Jack Lewis, Rita Edmond

**Attendees:** 20 zoom, 23 in person = 43

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

Cris opened meeting, thanked everyone for coming, both on zoom and in person. Stephenie Linham was introduced as the facilitator for the evening.

### **2. Basic house –keeping by the Facilitator ( Stephenie Linham)**

Stephenie explained what was going to happen for the AGM and Margaret explained procedure should fire alarm sound, for everyone present face to face.

### **3. Business of the AGM**

- Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019

It was explained that the last AGM minutes from 2019 were agreed in October 2019, but we circulated them as a reminder, as took place 3 years ago.

- Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

To be discussed and agreed at October meeting

- Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising

- Audited Account – presented by Rose Whyte, Treasurer

Rose, presented the financial statement for 2021-2022 and explained the breakdown of income and expenditure for both SGTO and Bells.

There were no questions from the attendees.

Kleinman Graham Accountants appointed for auditing of SGTO accounts:

Proposed by Al-issa Munu

Seconded by Althea Smith

- Adoption of the Annual Report - Cris Claridge, Chair

Cris explained the Annual Report, which was adopted by the attendees, and explained that the report highlights the financial statement, but also includes some events, tasks, projects carried out by SGTO over the past, very challenging year.

Al-issa gave speech of thanks and appreciation to Cris for service over years as Chair.

- Election of Board Members:  
All board stepped down and Margaret explained the voting process and handed over to Stephenie to lead.  
Voting was opened for both physical and zoom attendees by providing online polls and a paper method for those in person.  
The polls gave options for each nominee to be selected: Agree, Not agree, Abstain

#### 4. **Election results**

All votes were counted and results provided to Stephenie, who announced that the elections were confirmed and that all proposed nominees, following the election process, were elected as new Board of Trustees to SGTO:

- Chair:  
Chris Meregini
- Vice-Chair:  
Dario Blake
- Treasurer:  
Rose Whyte
- Board Members:  
Cris Claridge  
Shevenne Greaves  
Christina Metibemu  
Al-issa Munu  
Damien Cheetham  
Sam Vacciana  
Althea Smith  
Johnson McCalthly  
Saidat Oketunde  
Kiri Pieri  
Emmanuel Ojomo  
Caroline Platt

Chris gave thanks to Cris and observed his new role as the chair of SGTO and offered his service to continue to assist in fighting for the tenants' movement.

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**Date of next Group Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**