



## **The Coalition of Carers in Scotland Annual General Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

### **Minutes**

The Annual General Meeting was chaired by Lucinda Godfrey, Joint-Convenor of the Coalition.

#### **1. Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minute of the previous A.G.M was approved.

Proposer –Kimberley Swan

Secunder – Anne MacDougall

#### **2. Convenors Report**

A report of activities was provided in advance of the meeting in the form of the annual report.

Lucinda highlighted the following:

There are two Exec committee members standing down. Firstly Seb Fischer, Chief Executive, Vocal Carers Centre in Edinburgh who was a founding member of the Coalition and also of the carers rights movement in Scotland. History goes that the Coalition was about to be disbanded and with Seb's persistence and determination it carried on, and seeing how important that the role of the Coalition is, thankfully you did that! Seb manages to balance challenge with optimism very well and has often asked the difficult questions which we have all benefited from over the years both in the Exec and at members meetings, we are thankful that Seb will continue to support the Coalition and thank you Seb for your contribution.

Also our thanks go to Catherine Paterson, who established the Dochas Foundation in Lochgilphead and has dedicated much of her life to supporting local carers and being a voice for rural carers. Catherine always makes sure that we keep carers voices central to the work of the exec and the Coalition. Catherine also has a great sense of humour and just has a way of making us all feel better about things. We will also miss your involvement in the Exec and thank you for your contribution.

I also want to pay tribute to our colleague and friend Donald Macleod who sadly passed away in September. Donald was hugely committed to the carers movement and the work of

the collation. Donald was the Joint Convenor of the Coalition when I joined the exec committee and latterly, I had the opportunity to serve alongside him as Joint convenor. Donald was very patient and encouraging to me personally especially in the early days of taking up my role. I remember at a coalition development session a colleague and I were having a discussion and Donald recommended a book to us both and then went out at lunch time and bought us both a copy, a clear demonstration of his kindness and ability to not only listen but to make you feel like you had been listened to. Donald's work in improving rights for carers has and will continue to be beneficial to us all.

### **3. Treasures Report - Geoff Mohamad**

Geoff provided a summary of the Coalition's finances. COCIS is in good financial health, income has increased and is in line with expenditure. There are at least 3 months running costs

The accounts were approved by members

Proposer – Catherine Paterson

Secunder – Peter Burke

It was proposed that we continue to use the same Auditor, John Paul

Proposer – Martyn Sloan

Secunder – Jim Guyan

### **4. Election of Executive Committee Members**

There were no new nominees

The committee was voted on unanimously using the Zoom polling function

### **5. Any Other Competent Business**

There was no further business and the AGM was brought to a close.