



## **The Coalition of Carers in Scotland Annual General Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 (Held online via Zoom)**

**Attendance** Sharlene Ramage, Fiona Purchase, Joan Best, Rosie McLoughlin, Morna Fleming, John Wallace, Scott Fissenden, Jim Guyan, Ruth Hendry, Christine Farquhar, Kimberley Swan, Raymond Jamieson, Jess Wade, Rose Barr, Alison Wright

### **Convenor's Report**

It has continued to be a difficult time for carers with the continuing impact of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis. But despite this it has been a good year of progress for COCIS. Jess highlighted a few areas of progress

- The staff team has increased from two to four members of staff through Lottery Funding
- COCIS celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October, bringing together carers and staff in a celebration of the Carers Movement
- The staff team has been excellent in supporting carers and ensuring they have a voice, which is particularly important given the current challenges

The Director was unable to provide the update as planned, due to a medical emergency. It was agreed to send her report afterwards to attendees.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Geoff Mohammed presented the treasurer's report for 2022/23. The accounts have been verified as a true and accurate record by the auditors John Paul FCIE. This year saw an increase in funds of over £50,000 through Lottery funding. The main budget items were staff costs and training costs, which included the provision of Community Brokerage Training for carers support staff from an external agency. The primary source of income still remains the Scottish Government grant and we thank the Scottish Government for this. The Treasurer confirmed that we are financially solvent and we have enough reserves for three months running costs and legal and financial liabilities in case of winding up the charity

Members were asked for a proposer and seconder to adopt the accounts

Proposer: Morna Fleming

Secunder: John Wallace

### **Election of Executive Committee Members**

The following people currently serve on the Executive Committee and are standing for re-election in 2023/24:

Claudine Brindle  
Morna Fleming  
Raymond Jamieson  
Anne MacDougall  
Dr Emma Miller  
Geoff Mohamed  
Fiona Purchase  
Kimberley Swan  
Jess Wade  
Alison Wright

There were no new people standing for election onto the Executive Committee  
It was agreed to elect all members standing for election onto the committee

Proposer: Joan Best  
Seconder: Jim Guyan

### **Any Other Competent Business**

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