

METRO COMMUNITY HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LTD

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.00pm Wednesday 26 November 2020

Petersham Bowling Club Brighton Street Petersham

Meeting opened at 5.15pm

Chairperson: Rick Daly **Minutes:** Sue Taylor

Present: Rick Daly, Jennifer Croton, Mark Barass, Emma Lane, Dawn Kavouras, David Abello, Dennis Elacion, Warren McCullough, Charlotte Carey, Malcolm Pollard, Joanne Stevenson, Maria Kenny, Enda O'Callaghan, Julie Harrison, Sue Taylor, Shaun Driscoll, Jann Louthean, C.J.Hudson, Eugene Baxter, Jorge Restrepo, Katie Stone, Simon Sarfaty David Fiddes.

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Rick opened the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. He welcomed all Metro staff, Board members and tenants to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Melinda Tunbridge

3. Acceptance of 2019 AGM minutes

Motion: "That the minutes of the AGM held on 27 November 2019 at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre 1 Bedford St Newtown be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting".

Moved: Sue Taylor **Seconded:** Shaun Driscoll

Motion carried

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Motion: "That the matters arising from the AGM held on 27 November 201 at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre 1 Bedford St Newtown be accepted."

Moved: David Abello **Seconded:** Malcolm Pollard

Motion carried

5. Reports

a. Chairperson's report

Rick Daly read his Chairperson's report

b. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, Maria Kenny, presented the audited accounts for 2019-20. She noted Metro's sound financial position. Maria thanked the management team for their hard work and dedicated service.

6. Motion for acceptance of reports

Motion: "That the reports from the Chairperson and Treasurer and be accepted".

Moved: Shaun Driscoll

Seconded: Enda O'Callaghan

Motion carried

7. Appointment of Returning Officer

Julie Harrison was appointed to act as the Returning Officer.

8. Election of Board of Directors

Julie noted that there were 4 vacancies on the Board and four nominations had been received.

Julie read out the names of those members who were nominated to stand for election to the Board of Directors – Malcolm Pollard, Enda O'Callaghan, Rick Daly and Sue Taylor.

There being no further nominations, Julie declared the four nominees to be elected unopposed. The Executive of the Board will be elected at the next Board of Directors meeting.

9. Appointment of Auditor

Hamish Dawson from Dawson's Accountants has agreed to act as auditor for Metro Co-op for the 2020 -21 financial year. He commented on the excellent preparatory work done by Dennis for this year's audit.

Motion: "That Dawson's Accountants be appointed to act as Auditors for Metro Community Housing Co-op Ltd in the 2020 -2021 financial year."

Moved: Rick Daly

Seconded: David Abello

Motion carried

10. New Business

Rick opened the AGM for any new business or questions. There were several questions raised by members at the meeting.

- **What is a Returning Officer?** Julie provided an explanation to this question.
- **What is the role of the Board of Directors?** Julie Harrison is employed as the Manager at Metro Housing. The Board of Directors is responsible for employing staff. They provide oversight, develop a strategic plan which is reviewed annually, and work towards fulfilling the objectives of the organisation.
- **Can a tenant attend a Board meeting?** Yes
- **Tenant Housing Network** Malcolm Pollard raised the subject of a new Housing Tenant Network and invited any interested parties to join. They should contact Malcolm for further information. Malcolm will place an article in Metro's next tenant newsletter.

There being no further business, Rick declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 5.45pm.