

**Bournemouth Churches Housing Association  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Held online (MS Teams)  
On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Present:**

**Members who are also members of the Board:** Chris Nicholson (Chair), Graham Oliver, Ceri Connor, Aasia Nisar, Ian White, Marie Starr, Julie Porter, Hannah Lee, Asa Stevens, Jessica Miller (Board Apprentice)

**Members:** Julie Leigh

**Officers:** Philip Baker, Martin Lucas, Nicola Greenfield, Lloyd Coates, Amy Maloney, Vicky Gladden

**Minutes:** Lauren Parrish

**Proxy Forms Received:** Gill Downy, Rodger Hawkyard, Peter Hoyle, Roderick Knight, Ann Parramore and Jim Richardson

In accordance with Rule C23, the meeting was quorate.

**1. Introduction by Chris Nicholson, BCHA Board Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and began with an acknowledgement of the news of BCHA's recent regulatory inspection results. CN announced that in all three categories (governance, financial viability and consumer standards), BCHA was judged to be compliant. He thanked everyone involved for this outcome.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from board members Derek Watters and Peter Edy and from members Jonathan Dorey, Gill Downey, Paul Dyer, Rodger Hawkyard, Peter Hoyle, Roderick Knight, Dee O'Neill, Ann Parramore, Dylan Phillips and Jim Richardson.

**3. A) Minutes of AGM held Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

**B) To approve the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on the 15th May 2025**

The minutes of the 2025 Special General Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

**4. Annual Impact Report 2024/25**

The Chair noted how important the Annual Impact Report was in terms of showing what BCHA does, and the impact of this. A link to the Impact Report was provided in the AGM papers, and the report was received across the board.

**5. Audited Accounts to 31 March 2025**

The meeting approved the adoption of the Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025. A link to the full set of Audited Accounts had been provided in the AGM papers and these were approved by the Board at their meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

#### **6. Re-appointment of Crowe LLP as external auditors for the year**

The meeting agreed to re-appoint Crowe LLP as External Auditors for the year beginning 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

#### **7. To elect new members who offer themselves for election under Rule D11**

- a) Derek Watters
- b) Marie Starr

Two new members were proposed for approval at this AGM and details of Derek Watters and Marie Starr's background and skills had been circulated.

The meeting approved the appointment of Derek Watters and Marie Starr to the BCHA Board.

#### **8. To re-elect Members who have completed a 3-year term of office and offer themselves for re-election under Rule D12.1**

- c) Graham Oliver
- d) Julie Porter

Two members, Graham Oliver and Julie Porter, had offered themselves for a further 3-year term of office. A summary of their knowledge and experience, as well as their current roles within BCHA had been included in the papers: GO Chairs the Audit, Risk and Treasury Committee; JP Chairs the Development and Asset Management Committee.

The meeting approved the re-appointment of Graham Oliver and Julie Porter for a further 3-year term of office.

#### **9. Date of next Annual General Meeting - Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

Those who were able stayed for a presentation from the Support Directorate, who gave an overview of Supported Housing and Community Based Support. Here, priorities, the delivery of support, challenges, impact and outcomes of support delivery were discussed.