

AACT 2022 AGM/SGM Minutes

Wednesday 25th May 2022, 7:30pm via Zoom

These minutes document two meetings held on Wednesday 25th May 2022 via Zoom, related to the Astley Ainslie Community Trust.

The first was the Annual General Meeting of the unincorporated association of the Astley Ainslie Community Trust, which dissolved the unincorporated association and transferred the assets to the Astley Ainslie Community Trust SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization).

Immediately following this meeting, a Special General Meeting of the AACT SCIO was held which elected the initial Trustees for the SCIO.

Tim Orr chaired both meetings.

Unincorporated AACT AGM Minutes

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Acceptance of the Annual Progress Report on the work of the AACT
4. Approval of the minutes from the 2020 AGM, and Matters Arising
5. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts
6. Motions for Discussion
 1. Motion 1 - NHS Lothian Strategic Development Framework
 2. Motion 2 - Transfer of Assets
 3. Motion 3 – Dissolution of Unincorporated AACT
7. Any Other Business

Q&A after the proposed SCIO General Meeting.
Please put questions in the Chat.



Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

Stuart Buchanan provided a summary of the activities of the AACT since December 2020.

AACT Activities Since December 2020

- Survey of visitors to the Astley Ainslie with the support of our membership
- Publishing the Feasibility Study
- Creation of a charity to take forward the AACT mission
- Online talks from a variety of speakers
- Engagement with stakeholders and organizations such as the City of Edinburgh Council and the Million Tree Project
- Taking part in the Climate Change Festival, London Urban Tree Festival and The Meadows Festival
- Community engagement through tree befriending, tree quiz
- Articles in the Guardian, Edinburgh Reporter, Edinburgh Life
- Taking part in public consultations– City Plan 2030, National Planning Framework 4, Lothian Strategic Development Framework

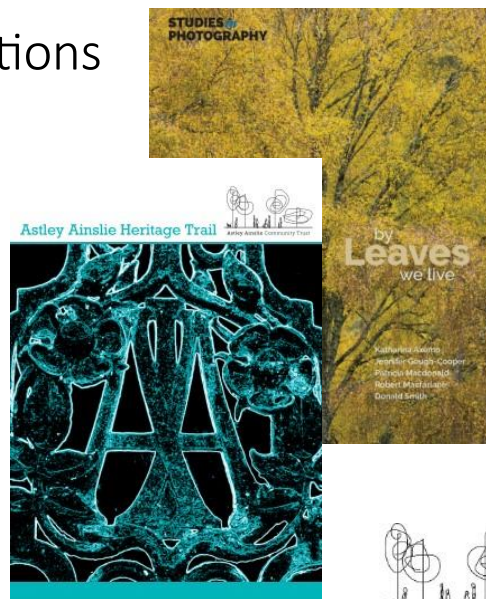
Annual Progress Report available on the website



AACT Activities - Publications

- Leaves 2 available through our website
- Heritage Trail available from Cameratiks, The Open Door

Both publications also available for purchase at The Meadows Festival



Apologies for Absence

Apologies Received

- Marianna Clyde
- Peter Stevenson
- Anthony Kramers
- David Alexander
- David Roy



Annual Progress Report

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- A survey of visitors to the Astley Ainslie with the support of our membership
- Completing and publishing the Feasibility Study
- Creation of a charity to take forward the AACT mission
- Online talks from a variety of speakers
- Engagement with stakeholders and organizations such as the City of Edinburgh Council and the Million Tree Project
- Taking part in a variety of online and in-person events, including the Climate Change Festival and the London Urban Tree Festival
- Community engagement through tree befriending, tree quiz
- Articles in the Guardian, Edinburgh Reporter, Edinburgh Life.

Further details available on the website



The Annual Progress Report was published on the website. No comments were received so the report was accepted unchanged.

[Approval of the 2020 AGM Minutes and Matters Arising](#)

The 2020 AGM Minutes were published on the website. No comments were received so the report was accepted unchanged.

Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts

Summary

- Bank balance is slightly reduced compared to last year
- Feasibility Study paid by SLF and AHF grants and local donations
- Nathan Bower-Bir was paid as Development Officer until April 2021
- Limited publicity and event costs last year, some covered by members
- Money from sale of Leaves 1 went to Studies in Photography
- AACT has contributed directly to Leaves 2



Mike Hall (AACT Treasurer) presented the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts, which were published on the website.

No questions were received, and the accounts were accepted unchanged.

Motions for Approval

Motion 1 – NHS Reports

Astley Ainslie Community Trust acknowledges the publication by NHS Lothian in early April 2022 of their Lothian Strategic Development Framework, which mentions plans to vacate the Astley Ainslie site in the 2024-2025 timeframe. It also notes the reported dissolution of the League of Friends of the Astley Ainslie Hospital. It is aware of the growing understanding that access to green space has a valuable part to play in maintaining public health and in limiting pressure on certain services provided by the NHS.

Considering these points, and keeping AACT's original goal of community ownership or control of the site in mind, AACT and its Executive Committee seek a mandate from its members to work towards continuing to develop a positive and supportive relationship with NHS Lothian, at all levels, in order to promote the broader interests of the community while the NHS remain on the site. This would always consider the interests of the patients and NHS staff.

Proposer: Tim Orr. Seconder: Stuart Buchanan



Results:

- Votes for the motion: 89

- Votes against the motion: 0

The motion was passed.

Motion 2 – Transfer of Assets

To facilitate the continuation of the aims of the AACT, the membership approve the transfer of all assets of the unincorporated Astley Ainslie Community Trust to the Astley Ainslie Community Trust SCIO (registered with OSCR as SC051602). This includes the following:

- Financial assets in all named accounts belonging to AACT
- Membership, including all currently recorded Members and Associates of AACT as an unincorporated voluntary organisation
- Intellectual Property, including mailing lists, policies, visions and strategies, as well as records of communications and correspondence with third parties
- Administrative systems
- Website.

The transfer of assets to take place immediately following approval of this motion, except in the case of financial assets, for which a target of 31st May 2022 is set for completion.

Proposer: Michael Hall, Seconder: Stuart Buchanan



Results:

- Votes for the motion: 88
- Votes against the motion: 0

The motion was passed.

Motion 3 – Dissolution of Unincorporated AACT

The membership of AACT approves the dissolution of AACT as an unincorporated voluntary organization, to take effect as soon as all asset transfers to AACT Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization (SCIO) have been completed as instructed by the Transfer Motion (Motion 2).

Proposer: Stuart Buchanan, Seconder: Michael Hall



Results:

- Votes for the motion: 88

- Votes against the motion: 0

The motion was passed.

Any Other Business

No AOB received

Special General Meeting of the AACT SCIO

Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

The Chair thanked Bill Moyes, Michael Hall and Stuart Buchanan for their work in incorporating the SCIO.

Election of Charity Trustees

Candidate statements were published on the website ahead of the meeting.

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As there are 6 candidates for 7 positions, the chair proposes to elect these as a slate.

- Elizabeth Brough
- Stuart Buchanan
- Maggie Carson
- Rebecca Hackett
- Mike Hall
- Sara Stevenson



The Chair proposed that the Charity Trustees were elected as a slate.

Results:

- Votes for the slate of candidates: 87
- Votes against the slate of candidates: 0

The motion was passed.

The Chair closed the formal part of the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

The meeting was followed by a Q&A session and a presentation of wildlife photographs by Tom Kelly which was very well received.