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THE SEVENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY was held on Wednesday 24 May 2023 online via Microsoft Teams at 12.15PM.

The Council's Chair, Joanna Boag-Thomson, welcomed members to the meeting.

Note of Proceedings

Appointment of President

The Chair invited the membership to ratify the appointment of Shonaig Macpherson CBE FRSE to serve as President for the coming year, and proposed her nomination. The motion was seconded by Gwilym Gibbons and approved unanimously by a show of hands. The President thanked the membership for their support and assumed the chair for the remainder of the Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of the General Meeting circulated

The Minutes of the Seventy Fifth Annual General Meeting, held on Monday 29 August 2022 over Microsoft Teams, copies of which had been circulated to the membership, were approved as an accurate record.

Appointment of the Directors

At the AGM each year, the Council ratifies the appointment of nominated members of the Board. A list of current Board Directors had been provided along with those put forward by the Nominations Committee.

Martin Bell proposed these appointments and Martin Johnson seconded. The President asked for a show of hands from all present members as an indication of their endorsement. The membership endorsed this course of action.

On behalf of members, the President thanked all those who had stood as Directors during the past year and in particular those who also chaired standing committees. The President also extended a warm welcome to Andrew Walls who has joined the Board.

The Directors were approved by a show of hands. The following were elected as Directors for 2023:

Joanna Boag-Thomson	Chair
Andrew Ritchie	Vice Chair
Stewart Carruth	Private Member
Robbie Drummond	CalMac Ferries Ltd
Anna Fowlie	SCVO
Jane Grant	Borders College
Caroline Innes	Private Member
Rozanne Foyer	STUC

Fiona Larg MBE	Private Member
Sally Loudon	COSLA
Ian Ritchie CBE	Coppertop
Malcolm Roughead	VisitScotland
Alastair Sim	Universities Scotland
Gwilym Gibbons	The Crichton Trust
Andrew Walls	Private Member
Sara Thiam	SCDI

Appointment of Auditor

The President advised that the Board recommended the re-appointment of RSM UK Audit LLP as auditor for the financial year 2022-2023. Robbie Drummond proposed this motion, Alastair Sim was the seconder. This was endorsed by a show of hands.

Annual Report and Accounts of 2021 – 2022

At the invitation of the President, Joanna Boag-Thomson gave the Chair’s annual address, proposing the adoption of the Annual Review and Accounts of the Council, covering the year 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022.

Jane Grant seconded the motion. This was endorsed by a show of hands.

Sara Thiam, Chief Executive of SCDI gave a review of the year’s activities and achievements and highlighted forthcoming activities.

There being no contrary motion, the Annual Review and Accounts were adopted.

Any other Competent Business

The President noted that there had been no prior notification of any other business, and no further items were raised at the meeting.

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the formal proceedings.