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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10:30am Sat. 14th July 2018
Council Chamber 2, Unite HQ, 128 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8SP

Minutes

- 1 **Attendance:** The meeting was quorate.
 - a **Individuals:** Colin Penn, Greg Robbins, Hilary Ellwood, Michel Prigent, Wilfried Rimensberger, Martin Dumont, Mick O'Sullivan
 - b **Member Organisations represented:** ABC, Balfour Street, Richmond Co-operative, Unit 11, Seymour, Dennis Central, Leytonstone.
 - c **Apologies:** Ron Bartholomew, Pete Dodkins, Glynn Thomas, Niall Mulholland, Kate Brown, Richard Pearl, Celia Cronin
- 2 **Minutes of the last AGM:** Agreed – with the following amendments
 - a Kate Brown was in attendance in 2017
 - b The accounts were for 2016.not 2015
- 3 **Matters arising from the minutes:** None
- 4 **Annual Officers' Reports on the Federation's activities over the last year**

Reports were available at the meeting. The Chair and Secretary highlighted some of the year's events They reminded members of the lack of ability to move nationally on policies due to the many changes of Housing Minister. The Secretary reported working jointly with other organisations on a media strategy particularly developing an agreed line through a media trained joint contact.

The issue of unrepresentative Boards of Housing Associations and the need to expand the inclusion of tenants was raised by members. Boards are not diverse and lack knowledge and skills in the social housing area.
- 5 **Recommendations from the Executive:** It was agreed to keep subscriptions at the current level for the coming year
- 6 **Election of the Executive Committee –**
 - a The existing committee members were all correctly proposed, seconded and re-elected. Joyce Nkonde's application to join the Executive was accepted and she was elected.
 - b It was agreed that the Executive would meet on Tuesday 17th July in the Leathermarket building at 7:00. Greg would check availability and confirm the arrangements with the Executive.
- 7 **Annual Accounts – 2017 –** The accounts were accepted by the meeting.
- 8 **Appointment of Auditors for the coming year:** It was proposed by Greg Robbins and seconded by John Elgey that Keith Johnson continue to audit the financial information. It was agreed that this should be an independent examination not a full audit.

- 9** The Chair paid tribute to Chris Murrell who had died during the year. He acknowledged the energy and forward thinking that Chris had brought to issues, particularly his success in encouraging young people in need of housing to work together to create shared tenancies.
- 10** The meeting suggested future discussions on self-build.