**Minute of the Virtual ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of TWEEDDALE ACCESS PANEL, held on Zoom, on Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 7.00p.m.**

**PRESENT:** *Paul Nichol, Michael Davis, Frank Drummond and Elaine Thomson*

**IN ATTENDANCE*:*** *Councillor Robin Tatler, Mags Greig, BSL Interpreter, and David Robinson (Development Manager, Eildon Housing Association).*

**APOLOGIES:** *Yvonne Armstrong and Callum MacDonald.*

1. **Office-bearers’ Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2021**

There had been circulated copies of the Office-bearers’ Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. Paul and Michael reported on their contents. There were no questions.

**DECISION**

**AGREED** that the terms of the report be **NOTED** and the Financial Statements be **ACCEPTED**.

1. **Chairperson’s Report**

Paul reported on Panel activities over the last financial year. Highlights included the route surveys which were about to result in various repairs by Scottish Borders Council, the new website, the start up of a Facebook page, support for the Positive Communication project, and assistance given to individuals on a variety of issues.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

1. **Appointment of Office-bearers**
2. **Chairperson**

Paul advised that he was happy to offer to continue as Chairperson for one more year only.

**DECISION**

**AGREED** unanimously that Paul Nichol be appointed as Chairman.

1. **Vice-Chairperson**

Frank advised that Callum MacDonald had intimated his resignation from the Panel due to pressure of other commitments, resulting in a vacancy for a Vice-Chairperson. Paul invited nominations for the post of Vice-Chairman, but none were received.

**DECISION**

**AGREED** that the office of Vice Chair remain vacant meantime.

1. **Secretary and Minute Secretary**

Frank confirmed that he was happy to continue as Secretary and Minute Secretary.

**DECISION**

**AGREED** that Frank Drummond be re-appointed as Secretary and Minute Secretary.

1. **Treasurer**

Michael had previously intimated his intention to resign as Treasurer at the AGM, because he would be moving out of the area in the next few months. However, as no replacement had been found, Michael offered to continue as Treasurer until the time of his move.

**DECISION**

**AGREED** that Michael Davis be re-appointed as Treasurer.

1. **Renewal of Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Paul expressed his satisfaction with the services of Charles Gray as the Panel’s Independent Examiner, and proposed his reappointment.

**DECISION**

 **AGREED** that Charles D. Gray, C.A, 6 School Brae Business Centre, Peebles, EH45 8AT, be re-appointed as Independent Examiner.