ERCS Board Meeting: Minutes of 11 October 2023, 7.30 – 8pm

Present: Lloyd Austin Chair (LA), Tom Ballantine (TB), Julie Christie Treasurer (JC), Mary Church (MC), Jackie Erdman (JE), Campbell Gemmell (CG), Juliet Harris (JH) Deborah Long (DL), Pippa Scott (PS), Clare Symonds (CS)
Apologies: Aedán Smith (AS), Jim Jarvie (JJ)
In attendance: Shivali Fifield Chief Officer & minutes (SF).

		Actions
	## Welcome	
	### Trustee check-in	
	AGM	
	This short meeting was held directly after ERCS's virtual third AGM.	
	Trustees commented on the smooth running of the AGM which had 29 members (including trustees) in attendance out of 137 total membership.	**23/36: SF** to organise trustee induction for new trustees before the next Board meeting
	### Welcome new trustees	
	Lloyd Austin welcomed the newly elected trustees Tom Ballantine (previously coopted since March 23), Jim Jarvie and Pippa Scott, as well as acknowledging the re-election of Julie Christie, Mary Church and Clare Symonds.	
	## Governance	
	### Appointment of office bearers: Chair, Vice-chair and Treasurer	
	The Board approved the following appointments of office bearers. Deborah Long took the Chair for the duration of the first election.	
	- Chair	
	Lloyd Austin was unanimously elected to continue as Chair (nominated by JH and seconded by JE)	
	- Vice-chair	
	Deborah Long was unanimously elected to continue as Vice-chair (nominated by JC and seconded by JH).	
	- Treasurer	
	Julie Christie was unanimously elected to continue as Treasurer (nominated by CG and seconded by DL).	
	## Annual report & financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023 - approved	**23/37: LA** to sign and return to Geoghegans to sign the audit report.
	The Board thanked Julie for her contribution as treasurer and steering us through the audit process.	
	Decision: Following the AGM where members were invited to consider ERCS's Independent examination of the accounts, the Board approved the report and financial statements.	

These minutes were approved as an accurate record on 21 November 2023.

Signed by Lloyd Austin, Chair.