**Minutes of Upstart Scotland AGM, 23rd June 2019 at Perth Civil Service Club**

**Present:** Sue Palmer, Kate Johnston, David Ashford, Hilary Long, Willie French, Carol Craig, Karen Flynn, Gabi Heron, Simon Henderson, Julia Whitaker, Azarah Burn, Jane Stevenson, Patricia Duncan, Dorothy Williamson, Jan Hay, Jennifer Gall, Stacey Marko, Rhona Bain, Karen Stride, Loreen Pardoe, Maria Perez, Amelia Murray Lindsay, Chris Orr, Chris Saddler, Katrina Sher, Emma Sinclair, Liz Daly, Patricia Anderson, Fiona Lorimer, Heather McLean, Daria Jarrett

**Apologies**: Francesca McIntosh Walker, John Frank, Tam Baillie, Alison Hawkins, Sarah Latto, Sharon Smith.

**Minutes of last AGM**:

Copies of the minutes from 2018 had been made available prior to AGM and were accepted by Willie French and seconded by Loreen Pardoe. David Ashford noted a requirement for the term OSCAR to be corrected to OSCR.

**Chair’s Report**:

Sue Palmer expanded on her Chair’s Report which was circulated before AGM. She extended a heartfelt thanks all Upstart supporters who continue to drive the campaign forward. Sue encouraged the continuation of ‘chalking’ by supporters – although it was felt that ‘Play for P1/2’ was now more appropriate.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

David Ashford was pleased to report that Upstart Scotland currently has a healthy bank balance – Sue said this was mostly due to training days. David showed recent figures and stated that Upstart’s accounts are available for perusal. David explained the need for Upstart to be audited by OSCR – currently in progress. Approval from OSCR would be very important for potential future funders.

Proposal to accept Treasurer’s report – proposed by Julia Whittaker; seconded by Maria Perez.

**Election of Office Bearers**:

Sue shared that Pat Kane is no longer able to continue his role. Upstart Scotland propose to have Sarah Latto on board. Sarah manages The Secret Garden outdoor kindergarten. All current board members stepped down and were re-elected.

Proposed by Loreen Pardoe, seconded by Maria Perez.

Chair Sue Palmer

Vice Chair Kate Johnston

Treasurer David Ashford

Secretary Francesca McIntosh-Walker (currently on maternity leave)

Trustees Hilary Long Willie French

Tam Baillie Sarah Latto

Dr Carol Craig Prof John Frank

**Date of next meeting**:

A short discussion took place as to the suitability of Perth as a location for the next AGM and of June as a potential date. It was agreed to be in Perth again at the end of June 2020.

**(For report on discussion after the AGM re Upstart’s next steps see the July Newsletter.)**