

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

ORDINARY MEMBERS

JOAN JOHNSTONE

(CHAIR)

Board member since January 1997

Joan Johnstone, who lives in Kirkby Stephen, is a partner in a garage business. She is Chair of Kirkby Stephen Town Council, Vice-Chair of the Community and Council Centre, and Treasurer of Kirkby Stephen Town Forum. She is also involved in many aspects of community life and firmly committed to affordable housing in rural areas as well as towns, providing decent homes for all age groups.

LEO FINN

(VICE-CHAIR OF BOARD/CHAIR OF AUDIT COMMITTEE)

Board member since July 2004

Leo has extensive knowledge and skills in the areas of strategic management, finance and HR through his time as senior executive of a major national building society. He has previously served as a member of other associations and has a well-developed knowledge and understanding of the social and private housing sectors.

ANDREA WILLETT

(VICE-CHAIR OF AUDIT COMMITTEE)

(CHAIR OF REMUNERATION & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE)

Board member since December 2001

Andrea is a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Housing and has over 30 years experience working in housing. She has a Masters degree in Business Administration and is currently employed as a Senior Lecturer in Housing at the University of Northumbria, where she is the Programme Leader in Housing Policy and Management.

IAN BRUCE

EHA Board member since 27 January 2009

Ian is a qualified Architect, and was for 19 years Chief Executive of Eden District Council. He is a founding member and now President of the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust. He has a wide range of experience of housing in both the private and public sector.

CHRISTINE KEARSE

EHA Board member since 27 January 2009

Christine lives in Little Salkeld and has valuable business and health care experience. She has also been involved as a co-ordinator in a wide-range of community projects, including support to rural businesses.

HENRY BARKER

EHA Board member since 27 January 2009

Henry has 10 years of experience in the housing sector and was previously a Board Member with Derwent & Solway Housing Association and Chair of the Cumbria Tenants' and Residents' Forum. He currently works as a Tenant Inspection Advisor for the Audit Commission, and has a particular specialism in ICT.

TENANT MEMBERS

NEIL HUGHES

EHA Board member since March 2002

Neil is a longstanding tenant of the Association and has been an active member of the Association's participation body. He has experience and skills in the areas of supported housing and community involvement, and has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the issues faced by our customers. Neil is also a member of the local authority, Eden District Council.

IVY WILKINSON

EHA Board member since January 2006

Ivy has been a tenant of Eden HA and the local authority for a number of years and has been actively involved with residents' associations and with the Association's participation body since its formation in 1997. She has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the issues that face the Association's tenants.

JOHN DENWOOD

EHA Board member since 27 January 2009

John was born in Patterdale and is now an Eden Housing Association tenant in Penrith. He has a good knowledge of the issues that face the Association's customers and has a number of year's experience of tenant involvement including an active role on the Association's participation body, ECHO.

JUNE MACDONALD

EHA Board member since 8 September 2010

June is an Eden Housing Association tenant in Penrith. She is keen to be involved as a tenant member. June has previous experience working with Councils. She has been an active member of ECHO since moving to the area, is also a member of the Performance Posse and has received TPAS training to become a Tenant Inspector.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

KERRY HARMER

Co-opted 8 September 2010

Kerry has been a resident in Eden for 3 years. She has over 15 years experience working in the social housing sector, with specialist experience in the management of support housing services (including Extra-Care), HR/people development and resident involvement.

MARGERY MANFIELD-COOKE

Co-opted 8 September 2010

Marjorie has particular expertise in supported housing and in-depth knowledge of RSL work including HR/governance/strategic management, as Chief Executive of Salvation Army Housing. She has considerable experience and expertise in lobbying.

DAVID WHITEHEAD

Co-opted 8 September 2010

David is currently Chief Executive of Leeds & Yorkshire HA and has a good all round knowledge of RSL's at the highest level. He has particular experience of community based smaller RSLs, working with residents and communities, and supported housing

SPECIALIST VOLUNTARY ADVISER

JOHN BROWN

Co-opted 8 September 2010

John acts as a specialist adviser to members and staff in the areas of supported housing to older persons, with a particular reference to the Heysham Gardens/Meadows extra care housing scheme. He has a wide range of experience of social care, has been a member of other associations and has worked with communities as Community Development Manager for Cumbria County Council