01. Welcome

Chris Johnstone (Chair) of the Management Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02. Present

Chris Johnstone, Stephen Edenborough, Margaret Foggie, Colum Scriven, Gillian Henry, William Henry, Philippa Jeffery, Duncan Macintosh, Roisin Mulholland, Maureen Brough, Mary Alice Mansell, Kitty McEachen, Ann MacInnes, Elise Kelly, Steph Mayo.

03. Apologies

Margaret Forbes, Stacy Miles, Marianne, Lori Conway, Joyce Jackson

04. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the AGM held on 10/10/2023 were read and accepted. Proposed by Gillian Henry, seconded by Kitty McEachen.

05. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

06. Chair's Report

Charity funds are stable with funding coming from members, donations from schools, local groups, Google and the Local Partnership grants.

Covid continued to affect our work in education schools with Linda, our education officer, on maternity leave for 6 months of the year. In her place we were fortunate to have local artist, Philippa Jeffery. Philippa created several attractive shop window displays, organised an evening on seeds and sustainability, and developed her puppets as a teaching tool about fair trade.

Series 2 of our podcast series, Rainbow Turtle Rebooted, was released during fair trade fortnight. It featured an interview with chief executive of the Fair Trade Foundation, Michael Gidney, a chat with our education officer, Linda Okhuoya Ologe and a number mini interviews with shop volunteers.

Rainbow Turtle was featured in a YouTube video, called Virtuous Circle, made by the Scottish Fair Trade Forum to celebrate 10 years of Scotland being a fair trade nation.

Rainbow Turtle was instrumental in resurrecting the Renfrewshire Fair Trade Steering Group with the intention of boosting fair trade in Renfrewshire.

Check Rainbow Turtle website link for full report:
https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/RT-AGM-2024-Chair-report-2324.pdf

07. Financial Report

Report is for the period April 2023 to March 2024. The balance on 31/3/24 was approximately £11k. This was mainly helped by a large grant from the Renfrewshire Local Partnership.

Check Rainbow Turtle website link for full report:
https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/RT-AGM-2024-Financial-Report.pdf

08. Election of Management Committee (Trustees)

Maureen Brough stepped in as a temporary chair whilst the existing management team stepped down.

The following people were elected unanimously to serve in the coming year:

- Gillian Henry, Steph Mayo, Chris Johnstone, Ann McInnes, Marianne Sermanni and Colum Scriven.
- Stephen Edenborough also joined as a new member of the board.
- Mary Alice Mansell proposed and Maureen Brough seconded.

09. AOCB

No other business was discussed.

10. Close of business

The meeting was closed by Chris Johnstone (chair), with thanks to all attendees.