Rainbow Turtle AGM – 23rd October 2025 – Paisley Methodist Central Hall

01. Welcome

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

02. Present

Duncan Macintosh, Judith Johnstone, Emma, Scott, Roisin Mulholland, Linda Okhuoya Ologe, Ann MacInnes, Marianne Sermanni, Gillian Henry, Stephen Edenborough, Chris Johnstone, Colum Scriven

03. Apologies

Maureen Brough, Joyce Jackson, Liz Cotton, Stacy Miles, Kitty McEachen

04. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the AGM held on 29/10/2024 were read and accepted. Proposed by Roisin Mulholland, seconded by Gillian Henry.

05. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

06. Chair's Report

Charity funds have dropped with additional maternity costs, though these will be reclaimed back over the coming year from HMRC. Membership numbers have remained stable.

Linda Okhuoya Ologe returned from maternity and worked with schools and community groups. She ran a successful Growing Grounds project with 3 schools and led a stall at the Paisley Food and Drink Festival. Our thanks to Philippa Jeffery for covering during Linda's absence.

Series 3 of our podcast series, Rainbow Turtle Rebooted, was released during fair trade fortnight. It featured an interview with Juliette Robb of Olive Tree, Linda Okhuoya Ologe and a mini series with our shop volunteers.

Rainbow Turtle has been active in the Renfrewshire Fair Trade Steering Group and was part of their school art competition, held in the Coats Memorial Church, and Renfrewshire's successful reapplication for fair trade status.

Check Rainbow Turtle website link for full report:
https://www.rainbowturtle.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/RT-AGM-2025-Chair-report.pdf

07. Financial Report

Report is for the period April 2024 to March 2025. The balance on 31/3/25 was approximately £8.6k. This was mainly helped by a large grant from the Renfrewshire Local Partnership.

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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, Stephen Edenborough and Colum Scriven.
- Roisin Mulholland proposed and Duncan Macintosh 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.