



# Williamsburgh

HOUSING ASSOCIATION  
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GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

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## **OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Margaret Symons**

Margaret is a Williamsburgh tenant and joined the Management Committee in 2006. Margaret is now retired and was employed as a Welfare Rights Officer during her working life. Margaret has held the office of Chairperson since September 2018.

### **Councillor Mags MacLaren**

Mags has been Renfrewshire Council's nominee to the Management Committee since June 2017 and was particularly interested in being the Council representative because of her interest in housing and lengthy experience working in the housing sector with a number of housing associations and local authorities. Mags has been a local Councillor for the Paisley Northwest Ward (where Williamsburgh is one of the local housing providers) since 2012 and has been a member of the Council's Housing Board since she was first elected. Mags has held the office of Secretary since 2019.

### **John Scott**

John joined the Management Committee in 2017 and was employed as the Clydesdale Bank Business Banking Manager for the Association between 1998 and 2002. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland and a Chartered Banker. He was employed for 35 years with Clydesdale Bank, holding the positions of Regional Credit Director and Head of Credit Training. He is currently Head of Credit Risk for the Hampden Bank. John has held the office of Convenor of the Finance & Audit Sub Committee since November 2017.

### **Susan James**

Susan is a Williamsburgh tenant and joined the Management Committee in 2014. Susan is now retired and was employed as an experienced telephonist with the GPO (now British Telecom) during her working life. Susan has held the office of Convenor of the Development Sub Committee since 2015.

### **Jim Callaghan**

Jim is a Williamsburgh tenant and joined the Management Committee in 2012. Jim is now retired and was employed by Renfrewshire Council during his working life. Jim has held the office of Convenor of the Housing Management Sub Committee since 2015.

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### **Alison Ballantine**

Alison joined the Association in 2019 via the FLAIR Academy committee member training programme. Alison is currently employed by The University of Strathclyde as Business Development Process Manager and has held the office of Convenor of the Maintenance Sub Committee since 2019

### **Claire Lucas**

Claire came into contact with W.H.A. while serving as a committee member for a Big Lottery funded project which was managed by the Association at the time. Claire joined the Management Committee in August 2017 and is currently employed as a Civil Servant.

### **Yvonne Robbie**

Yvonne also came into contact with whilst serving on the same Big Lottery project and subsequently joined the Management Committee in 2017. Yvonne has 20 years previous experience in retail management and has also previously worked in partnership with housing officers, in responding to and investigating allegations of anti-social behaviour, benefit-fraud, and domestic violence within the asylum seeking community previously housed by Glasgow City Council. Yvonne is currently employed as a Civil Servant.

### **Elaine McDermott**

Elaine joined the Association in 2019 via the FLAIR Academy committee member training programme. Elaine is currently employed by Linthouse Housing Association as Customer Services Manager.

### **Larisa Zotova**

Larisa also joined the Association in 2019 via the FLAIR Academy committee member training programme. Larisa is currently employed by "YPeople" as a Development Worker.

### **John Kerr**

John joined the Management Committee in 2016 and is currently employed by West Dunbartonshire Council as Housing Development and Homelessness Manager.

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