



## SUMMARY OF NOMINATIONS TO STAND FOR DIRECTOR 2020

For five vacant positions on the PEC Homes Board there have been five nominations. As per our election policy, a ballot is therefore not required.

*As the number of valid nominations are the same as or fewer than the number of positions, those candidates shall be deemed elected, providing members affirm the candidacy by show of hands at the AGM.*

Candidates for election to the Board of PEC Homes are summarised by their statements as follows:

### **Clive Turner**

Clive was born and brought up in Plymouth and returned to the city 15 years ago first as Director of Housing and then as Director of Community Services for Plymouth City Council.

Clive was appointed as the first Chief Executive of Plymouth Community Homes which took on ownership and improvement and management of the council's 16,000 homes. He led the transformation of North Prospect and began a new build housing programme and also took a personal lead in establishing a "green plan" for the organisation which now would be seen as a carbon reduction strategy.

Virtually his last act before leaving PCH was to sign off the proposal to develop Passivhaus homes in Whiteleigh.

Since leaving PCH nearly four years ago he has acquired grandchildren and a dog and currently serves as a non-exec with Tamar Grow Local, East End Development Trust and Local Space which is an east London based housing organisation specialising in providing an expansion of homes for homeless families.

### **Chris Penberthy**

Councillor Chris Penberthy (St Peter and the Waterfront Ward), has been involved in PEC Renewables since its inception; is a founder member; invested in each of the share issues; has been an active Board Member since the society was formed; and currently represents PEC Renewables on Ernesettle Community Solar Ltd Board. He is a founder member of Plymouth Energy Community; and has served on the Board as either a Plymouth City Council Representative or as an elected member since 2013. He is also a founder member of PEC Homes.

Chris has held a variety of trusteeships and directorships in charities and social enterprises. He has previously been appointed by Plymouth City Council to the Boards of the Millfields Community Economic Development Trust CIC, and Plymouth Municipal Charities. Chris has been a Governor of Plymouth College of Art and is Chair of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network Values and Principles Board.

The Royal Society of Arts awarded him a Fellowship in 2003 in recognition of his services to the voluntary and community sector and volunteering. In 2016, he received a national award recognising his outstanding contribution to the co-operative movement.

As a Board Member he brings expertise on governance, co-operative business, social enterprise, business development and strategy. He is seeking re-election to the PEC Renewables Board in order to continue to support the organisation's development and activities.

**Greg Wotton**

Greg is currently working in the construction sector designing environmentally conscious and Passive houses for communities. He has worked in the sector for a few years and specialised at university. This is where he designed a high speed rail network to connect the south west and was nominated for the RIBA Bronze Medal. Through his research in this field he hopes to build and enhance communities making them not just fictional but also inspiring places to live.

He has also been part of a community catalyst group call Inter:change with the intention to inspire people to take ownership of building projects. He felt that an importance needed to be stressed about when it is appropriate for the community to make the decision or the board. For him a socially sustainable project comes before anything else so that the scheme is desirable and can be called home.

Due to his age he believes he can bring a younger perspective to the table as well as the ability to question elements that aren't typically questioned with the aim of achieving the best possible outcome.

**Hilary Kolinsky**

Hilary is an experienced architectural professional with a diverse background including business management, community engagement, event organisation, academic research and teaching. Her passion for good design and commitment to social inclusion informs and unites her efforts in all these areas.

Across the spectrum of her professional, voluntary and community roles my work seeks to put systemic change into action – learning-by-doing in the fields of co-operative business development, place-based action, and community-led development. As Co-Director at McCaren Design Ltd she has led the company's transformation into a worker co-op that shares responsibility and benefits fairly between all staff. As co-instigatator of the Ernesettle Archive, she established a local newsletter, online memory group, and annual fun day, now in its tenth year, to reinvigorate pride and sense of community. As co-initiator of the Inter:change collective, she co-produced the We Can Do It! event to promote the potential of community-led development in Plymouth and share learning with others in the region and nationally. With the Royal Cinema Trust she is working towards acquisition of the former Reel Cinema as a community-owned asset. She is co-ordinating the production of a Neighbourhood Plan alongside the Hoe Neighbourhood Forum.

**Michelle Virgo**

Michelle is a founder member and former Chair of Plymouth Social Enterprise Network (PSEN), and as her day job manages the team and budgets at School for Social Entrepreneurs in Dartington. She spent nine years as a member of a worker co-op, and is an experienced facilitator, trainer and conflict resolution practitioner.

Michelle has a degree in Environmental Science, where she focused on the science, politics and economics of climate change, and has been a long term advocate and campaigner for the shift to a low carbon economy. She recently convened the Zero Carbon: Climate Emergency for Businesses event in Plymouth and collated the Zero Carbon Toolkit on the PSEN website. Previous roles include managing cash flow for Housing Association development projects in East Anglia and leading on homelessness, education and mental health projects in the voluntary sector.

Michelle and her partner are currently building a low cost, low carbon home for themselves.