Minutes of the Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Annual General Meeting

held at The Technology and Innovation Centre, 99 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RD on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 12.30pm

ISBE President Lorna Treanor (LT) chaired the meeting.

LT opened the meeting and highlighted the following:

1. **Minutes of the last AGM**

   The minutes of the last AGM held 7th November 2024 – copies of which were available on the ISBE website – were approved. Proposed by Robert Newbery (RN) and seconded by Andrew Henley (AH).

2. **Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements**

   An abbreviated annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 had been posted on the ISBE website for Members to download.

   It was reported that ISBE was in a good financial position due to Conference Sponsorship and continued Organisational Membership. LT expressed her thanks to Nkechi Adeeko (NA) for all her hard work as Treasurer.

   The Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 were approved.

3. **Re-appointment of Auditors**

   It was approved that the Auditors GBAC Limited should be reappointed and that the ISBE Board will fix their remuneration. Proposed by Nkechi Adeeko (NA) and seconded by Robert Newbery (RN).

4. **Announcement of New and re-elected Trustees for 2025**

   (Elected 6/11/2025)

   Dr Robert Bowen, Cardiff University
   Dr Gary Chapman, University of Nottingham
   Dr Alison Hampton, Ulster University

   LT commented that all would be an excellent addition to the Board.

   (Re-elected for a second 3-year term)

   Professor Steve Johnson, Sheffield Hallam University

5. To re-appoint co-opted Trustees/Advisors to the Board

LT thanked Paul Jones (PJ) for his continued support and re- appointed him as co-opted Board Member as the Editor of IJEBR.

6. To acknowledge thanks to the outgoing Trustees.

Professor David Pickernell (DP), Swansea University (1 term)
Vice-President for Research and Communities

LT expressed her thanks to DP for all his hard work over the past three years on the Board, and particularly as the VP for Research and Communities.

ISBE Organisational Members

LT gave a special thank you to all the organisational institutions for their continued support to ISBE. Membership now stands at 39. LT encouraged other institutions to consider taking out organisational membership for 2026.

7. Any other business

LT introduced RN as the incoming ISBE President for a two-year term, and wished him every success. RN thanked LT for her hard work and noted that he intended to build on the progress she had made.