## **Our Committee**

Some of our existing Committee members give an insight below into why they enjoy being Committee members:

"I joined the Committee because I wanted to know more about what they did. I live in the area and wanted to influence what happens here. I want to see the area tidy and kept to a high standard. I want to ensure rents remain affordable. I think local control is best. When I first joined, the other Committee members made me feel welcome and encouraged me to ask questions at meetings. We all have different personalities and everyone gets the opportunity to talk at meetings before we reach an agreement. Being on the Committee has given me more confidence and I feel like my views are heard. I have taken those skills into my workplace too".

"When I first joined the Committee I was surprised at the variety of topics discussed at meetings. Committee aren't just planning for the present but have to plan for the short, medium and long term. I have enjoyed being involved in the 30 year projections. The Committee want to ensure that Gardeen is viable for the long term. The Committee have a genuine interest in improving the area in general, as well as ensuring our properties are homes for tenants. In 2018 we completed a natural playpark and arranged a welfare rights service for Gardeen tenants. In 2019 we are planning a new community garden. The other Committee members welcomed me into the group and I feel my contribution is valued. Staff are always available if I have queries too".