

Lairg Community Council

Minutes of AGM held in Lairg Community Centre on Wednesday, 6th June 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Jeff Norrie, Chair (JN), Andrew Mackay, Vice Chair/Treasurer (AMK), Sandy Allison (SA), John Sutherland (JS), Jamie Dick (JD)

Apologies: Jackie Young (JY), Eilidh Price (EP), Louise Skinner (LS)

Also attending: PCs Dave Thompson (DT) and Alex Smyth (AS) (Report recorded in the Minutes of the main meeting)

Minutes Secretary: Mary Goulder (MG)

Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above.) Chair Jeff Norrie welcomed everyone to the AGM ahead of the main meeting this evening.

Item 2. Adoption of minutes of last AGM. The minutes of the AGM held on 7th June 2017 were adopted as a true and accurate record; proposed: Sandy Allison, seconded: Andrew Mackay.

Item 3. Chairman's report. JN began his report noting the co-option of Jamie Dick and thanking him for his recent good work on archive files. Eilidh Price, co-opted at the last AGM, was also thanked and wished well in her new job in London. Iain Mackay stood down during the year and he too was thanked for past service to the CC and the community. Fewer guests have attended in the past year but included North Highland Forestry in October 2017 and Debbie Sutton & Andy Summers of the Highland Council in May this year. The ongoing liaisons continue with regular partners LDCI, LCA, CALL, SSE/E.ON Panel and Police Scotland. Cllr Munro was thanked for her support and the ever-improving working relationship which this helps to sustain with the other local councillors, the Ward Manager and the various THC departments. Her help in pursuing TECS issues is valued and successful improvements are hoped for with regard to the water issues at Lochside and the pavement on Main Street. Intermittent contact is maintained with the Forestry Commission, NHS Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Fire Service and the neighbouring CCs with whom Minutes and relevant correspondence continues to be shared. The CC laid a poppy wreath at the annual service of remembrance. Responsibility for maintenance of the bird hide and the tennis courts remains with the CC. Administration of the Lairg Windfarm Community Benefit Fund continues, working with Foundation Scotland. This year saw nine successful applications to the main grant fund and six awards made from the micro grant fund. Talks have been held with the developers of windfarm proposals at Sallachy and Strath Tirry regarding community benefit payments. Concern is ongoing regarding the continued provision of public toilets in the village with meetings currently taking place in hopes to not only maintain but also improve the facility. The recent THC cut to the CC budget will prove to be challenging as the CC continues to operate in the coming year. JN expressed thanks to the present members of the CC without whom the many functions of the CC would cease. On behalf of the CC he also recorded thanks to Magda Macdonald, Project Officer LDCI for the wonderful work she puts in for the community including maintaining the CC website, to Reverend John Forbes for his many years of auditing the CC accounts, to the members of the public who take time to attend and contribute to the meetings, and to Mary Goulder, the lynch-pin of the CC, who goes about her business with such a degree of professionalism and a great work ethic. In conclusion JN announced that after much consideration the time has come for him to stand down from both the Chair and the CC. Stating that he had enjoyed working with all CC members he wished them every encouragement to carry on the good work for the community.

Item 4/5. Treasurer's report/Adoption of accounts. With approval of Treasurer Andrew Mackay, MG discussed the signed and audited accounts. The accounts were presented and were adopted by all present, proposed by Jeff Norrie, seconded, Andrew Mackay. The accounts will be submitted to The Highland Council accordingly. The present balance in the Treasurer's account stands at £2,534.46 A vote of thanks was recorded for John Forbes for once again carrying out the audit of accounts and preparing them for submission in the format approved by The Highland Council. It was noted that Rev Forbes plans to move to Australia during the coming year and warm thanks were recorded for his excellent, and voluntary, work on the accounts over the past few years. A new auditor will need to be found for next year. Internet banking has made the work of the Treasurer less time consuming with most payments now being made by bank transfer speeding up the process for all concerned. MG recorded her thanks to JN for his help and support and although very sad to see him stand down from the CC she wished him the very best for the future.

Item 6. Election of office bearers. The outgoing office bearers stepped down and in the absence of a Highland Councillor, Mary Goulder assumed the Chair to conduct the elections, the results of which were as follows:

Position	Proposer	Secunder
Chair: Andrew Mackay	Jeff Norrie	Sandy Allison
Andrew Mackay accepted the position in the short term with review at the next CC elections		
Vice Chair: Jamie Dick	Sandy Allison	Andrew Mackay
Jamie Dick is a co-opted member. Assurance will be sought from THC Ward Manager that a co-opted member may hold this post. If approved, and if no other CC member (not present tonight) wishes to step into the post, Jamie will accept, also with review at the next elections		
Treasurer: Andrew Mackay	Jeff Norrie	John Sutherland
Andrew Mackay accepted the position but with Mary Goulder continuing to undertake the day to day handling of the accounts under the supervision of the Community Council.		
Secretary: Jackie Young	Andrew Mackay	Sandy Allison

Proposed in her absence, it was anticipated that Jackie Young would accept the position but with Mary Goulder continuing to undertake the day to day secretarial duties.

Mary Goulder was asked to remain in post as **Minutes Secretary** with responsibility for correspondence shared with Secretary, and the day to day Treasurer work responsible to Andrew Mackay, as before. Mary Goulder agreed to continue in this position. Andrew Mackay then assumed the Chair to conduct the rest of this and the following monthly meeting.

Item 7. Any other competent business relevant to the AGM. No other business relevant to the AGM was raised. As the CC is once again below full complement of numbers members were encouraged to canvas for volunteers to step into the vacancies. This meeting closed at 8.20pm.