

Lairg Community Council

Minutes of AGM held on Zoom on Wednesday, 7th October 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Andrew Mackay, Chair/Treasurer (AMK), Jamie Dick, Vice Chair (JD), Jackie Young, Secretary (JY), Louise Skinner (LS), Sandy Allison (SA), Brian Martin (BM)

Apologies: Iain Thomson (IT), John Sutherland (JS)

Also attending: Highland Councillor Linda Munro (LS)

Minutes Secretary: Mary Goulder (MG)

Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above.) Chair Andrew Mackay welcomed everyone to the AGM, the first Lairg CC meeting to be held on Zoom.

Item 2. Adoption of minutes of last AGM. The minutes of the AGM held on 5th June 2019 were adopted as a true and accurate record; proposed: Sandy Allison, seconded: Jamie Dick.

Item 3. Chairman's report. AMK noted the unprecedented situation due to the Covid-19 pandemic, lockdown and restricted activities of this year so far. The lockdown was instigated shortly after the last actual meeting of the CC in March. This is the first meeting since and using the Zoom facility may become the only option for meetings for some time to come. The CC had taken a three-month winter break with March being the first since November 2019. In the period till then the CC had operated as normal, guests included Eilidh Coll of Foundation Scotland, Anna Patfield of Planet Sutherland and the LCA. During the pandemic months regular liaisons with local groups/organisations continued though in fact there was little happening with any of them. SSE created a Coronavirus Resilience Fund and through this the CC was able to fund a scheme set up by Tracie Denoon to make and supply face masks locally. This was an excellent and successful project and well run by Tracie. SA laid the wreath on Remembrance Sunday last November on behalf of the CC and the community. At last year's AGM various members took on different responsibilities within the CC to lighten the load on the Chair. While things have been quieter in these last months, the delegation has been of great benefit to the Chair. Talks are currently ongoing with KOSDT with a view to relieving MG of some of the duties as Treasurer and as point of contact with regard to wind farm communications. AMK expressed his thanks to all for their work and support through the last year.

Item 4. Secretary's report. As an elected member JY is secretary but with the duties mostly carried out for the CC by MG who was thanked for this.

Item 5/6. Treasurer's report/Adoption of accounts. This year THC waived the requirement for the accounts to be audited prior to submission however Lairg's had been submitted and accepted before this information was to hand. Ashley Poole was thanked for once again conducting the audit and preparing the accounts in the manner required by THC. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Jamie Dick, seconded by Andrew Mackay.

Item 7. Election of office bearers. The outgoing office bearers stepped down and Cllr Munro assumed the Chair to conduct the elections, the results of which were as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Chair: Andrew Mackay	Sandy Allison	Jamie Dick
Andrew Mackay accepted the position provided the delegation in place continues.		
Vice Chair: Jamie Dick	Andrew Mackay	Brian Martin
Jamie Dick accepted the position.		
Treasurer: Andrew Mackay	Louise Skinner	Sandy Allison

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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 Louise Skinner

Jackie Young accepted 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 although as mentioned by the Chair the work of Treasurer is expected to be passed to KOSDT (see Item 3). Andrew Mackay then assumed the Chair to conduct the rest of this and the following monthly meeting.

Item 8. Any other competent business relevant to the AGM. No other business relevant to the AGM was raised. This meeting closed at 8.05pm.