

## Lairg Community Council

### Minutes of AGM held in Lairg Community Centre on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Jeff Norrie, Chair (JN), Andrew Mackay, Vice Chair (AMK), Hector MacLennan, Treasurer, (HM), Sandy Allison (SA), Jackie Young (JY), John Sutherland (JS)

**Also present:** Sheena Skinner (SS), Gary Thompson (GT), Anne Morrison, David Ross, John Foley

**Apologies:** Iain Mackay (IM), Highland Councillor Hugh Morrison (HMN)

**Minutes Secretary:** Mary Goulder (MG)

**Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above.)** Jeff Norrie, Chair, welcomed all to the AGM, recognising the three nominated community representatives for the SSE & E.ON Rosehall Community Fund Panel who were awaiting the outcome of that election.

**Item 2. Adoption of minutes of last AGM.** The minutes of the AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 were adopted as a true and accurate record; proposed: Andrew Mackay, seconded: Sandy Allison.

**Item 3. Chairman's report.** JN's report confirmed that the CC continues to maintain a working relationship with many bodies and organisations, including THC through Cllrs Morrison and Farlow, Police Scotland who were thanked for attending whenever possible to keep CC informed and take away any pertinent issues, SSE & E.ON Community Panel thanks to both CC and community reps and Fiona Morrison (SSE) and Carol Elliot (E.ON Rosehall), and the neighbouring CCs of Creich and Ardgay mainly through minutes sharing. The relationship with LDCI and LCA continues to grow, special thanks given to Project Officer Magda MacDonald for her regular updates and support. The past year has seen the CC deal with securing lights for the air ambulance service, proposed windfarms, and the administration of community benefit from existing developments. As a statutory body the CC commented on the CASPLAN and helped discussions between the community and SSE regarding the proposed sub-station and power lines in the village vicinity. The CC website is now up and running once again, thanks to the excellent work by Magda MacDonald. Guests in the last year have included Scottish Ambulance Service, REG re the Strath Tirry windfarm proposal, NHS Highland, NC500, Loch Shin Sailing Club and LDCI. All of these visits have been very stimulating and informative leading to lively debate and progress. In administering the Lairg Windfarm Community Benefit three awards have been made from the main fund with seven from the micro grant. JN finished his report by expressing his gratitude to the people around the table who make the effort to try to make a difference in our community – the Community councillors. Outgoing CCs Emma Armstrong and Liz Quinn were warmly thanked for their efforts and significant contributions over the years and a hearty welcome was given to new CC John Sutherland. SA was thanked for his work as Chair and for handing over the CC in good heart; AMK received thanks for stepping so capably into the breach as Vice Chair when required. Mary Goulder was also mentioned with thanks for her work on behalf of the CC in covering secretarial and treasurer duties as required.

**Item 4/5. Treasurer's report/Adoption of accounts.** With approval of Treasurer Hector MacLennan, MG handed out copies of the signed and audited accounts. Proposed by Andrew Mackay and seconded by Jackie Young, these were adopted by all present and will be submitted to The Highland Council accordingly. The present balance in the Treasurer's account stands at £2,204.33. A vote of thanks was recorded for John Forbes for once again

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carrying out the audit of accounts and preparing them for submission in the format approved by The Highland Council.

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
<b>Chair:</b> Jeff Norrie	Sandy Allison	Jackie Young

Jeff Norrie accepted the position and then conducted the rest of the election.

<b>Vice Chair:</b> Andrew Mackay	Jeff Norrie	Sandy Allison
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Andrew Mackay accepted the position.

<b>Treasurer:</b> Hector MacLennan	Sandy Allison	Jeff Norrie
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Hector MacLennan 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.

<b>Secretary:</b> Jackie Young	Jeff Norrie	John Sutherland
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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, as before. Mary Goulder agreed to continue in this position.

**Item 7. Any other competent business relevant to the AGM.** There being no other relevant business raised, the business of the public meeting was concluded at 7.35pm.