

Lairg Community Council

Minutes of AGM held in Lairg Community Centre on Wednesday, 7th June 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Jeff Norrie, Chair (JN), Andrew Mackay, Vice Chair/Treasurer (AMK), Jackie Young, Secretary (JY), Sandy Allison (SA), John Sutherland (JS), Louise Skinner (LS)

Also present: Highland Councillor Hugh Morrison (HMN), Eilidh Price (EP)

Apologies: Iain Mackay (IM)

Minutes Secretary: Mary Goulder (MG)

Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above.) Jeff Norrie, Chair, welcomed all to the AGM.

Item 2. Adoption of minutes of last AGM. The minutes of the AGM held on 1st June 2016 were adopted as a true and accurate record; proposed: Andrew Mackay, seconded: Jackie Young.

Item 3. Chairman's report. JN's report recorded with sadness the loss to the community caused by the death of Treasurer Hector MacLennan who had served on the Community Council since its inception. JN listed the many and various organisations and groups with whom the CC maintains liaison, working together and offering support, including LDCI, CALL, SSE/E.oN Rosehall Panel. Important regular contact is also kept with Police Scotland with monthly reports each way, and with Highland Council through the regular attendance of the local Councillor as well as communicating with the Ward Manager and various departments including Planning, TECs, Roads, etc. Cllr Morrison was thanked for his work with the CC over the last five years and congratulated on his re-election to Highland Council. The CC is hopeful of continuing to work with Cllr Morrison in the future. Intermittent contact is made with Forestry Commission, NHS Scotland, Scottish Ambulance and the Fire Service as and when required. The CC continues to administer the Lairg Windfarm Fund in conjunction with Foundation Scotland; the past year has seen many successful applications to both the main and micro grant schemes. Monitoring of existing and proposed windfarm developments is carried out. Recently the CC had pleasure in presenting Saltire Awards to local youngsters. As usual a CC representative attended the annual Remembrance Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the CC. The CC is responsible for the maintenance of the bird hide and the tennis courts. In spite of the efforts of many the Bank of Scotland branch in Lairg will close in September and the CC is on record by letter of deploring this important loss to the community. Efforts are being made to bring the number of CC members up to full complement. (See Item 7 below.) LS was welcomed having been co-opted earlier this year. The Chair expressed his thanks to all CC members for their various efforts, attendances and support through the last year. Special thanks were made to Magda MacDonald for setting up and maintaining the CC website, John Forbes for auditing the annual accounts, those members of the public who regularly attend meetings and share community opinions and concerns, and Mary Goulder for her services with secretarial and treasurer duties.

Item 4/5. Treasurer's report/Adoption of accounts. With approval of Treasurer Andrew Mackay MG discussed the signed and audited accounts. As the accounts were presented at the last CC meeting and approved at that time, 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 £2,330.22. 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.

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

Position	Proposer	Seconder
Chair: Jeff Norrie	Andrew Mackay	Jackie Young

Jeff Norrie accepted the position.

Vice Chair: Andrew Mackay	Sandy Allison	Jeff Norrie
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Andrew Mackay accepted the position.

Treasurer: Andrew Mackay	Jeff Norrie	Jackie Young
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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	Jeff Norrie	Louise Skinner
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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 responsible to Andrew Mackay, as before. Mary Goulder agreed to continue in this position. Chair JN resumed the Chair with thanks to HMN for conducting the election.

Item 7. Any other competent business relevant to the AGM. The co-option of Eilidh Price was proposed by SA, seconded by JY, and received unanimous approval. Eilidh Price accepted co-option. There remain approximately two and a half years to the next CC election. There being no other relevant business raised, the business of the public meeting was concluded at 7.30pm.