

Lairg Community Council

Minutes of AGM held on Zoom on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: John Sutherland (JS), Brian Martin (BM)

Also attending: Highland Councillor Linda Munro (LS), Kaye Hurrion LDCI Chair (KH), Donna Gilchrist (DG), Catherine MacDonald (CM), Caroline McMorran, Northern Times

Minutes Secretary: Mary Goulder (MG)

Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above.) Chair Andrew Mackay welcomed everyone to the AGM. It was noted that although the Lairg Community Centre agreed that meetings may be held there, provided all restrictions were observed, THC would not sanction meeting in person. This may have limited the number of people being able to attend tonight. It is proposed to hold in-person meetings should they be allowed again however the CC should consider using Zoom over the winter months.

Item 2. Adoption of minutes of last AGM. The minutes of the AGM held on 7th October 2020 were adopted as a true and accurate record; proposed: Sandy Allison, seconded: Jamie Dick.

Item 3. Chairman's report. AMK pointed out that the last AGM was held much later in the year than usual resulting in there being a shorter period to report on this time. Zoom meetings have taken the place of actual meetings with mixed success, not least the lack of public attendances. This applies also to the presentations which have been possible, most notably that by windfarm developers. The restriction on them not to hold public exhibitions and presentations has seriously reduced the number of comments and discussions the public has had regarding proposed developments. A true reflection of public opinion cannot be gauged online. This situation is not viewed favourably by the CC, and it is hoped that future presentations will once again be held in the village.

Other issues raised included that of Bridgend House, now derelict, an eyesore, a danger to the public and a possible health hazard. LS and JY offered to work together on this to try to have some action taken. **LS/JY Action.**

The 'temporary' closure of Migdale Hospital continues to distress locals and the lack of any real response from NHS Highland regarding the plans for the hospital's future are very discouraging.

Traffic speeding issues through Lairg continue to be a concern. The CC will liaise with Creich and THC in the hope of siting speed indicator signs/traffic calming measures on the approaches to the village. **AMK Action.**

Chair extended a warm welcome to Donna Gilchrist who will take over the duties of Treasurer as soon as the formalities at the bank can be completed. AMK advised that he is standing down from the Chair at this meeting, though remaining on the CC, and wished to thank all his colleagues for their valued support throughout his term of office. Sincere thanks were also expressed to Mary Goulder for her work as secretary and liaison.

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. Little to report other than the secretarial and liaison duties continue to tick along, mostly achieved by email.

Item 5/6. Treasurer's report/Adoption of accounts. Lairg CC accounts have been audited again by Ashley Poole who was thanked for conducting the audit and preparing the accounts

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in the manner required by THC. The current figures were presented at the monthly meeting immediately following the AGM.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Andrew Mackay, seconded by Sandy Allison. The accounts will now be submitted to the Ward Manager to trigger the payment of the annual admin grant. **MG Action.**

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:

Position	Proposer	Seconded
Chair: Iain Thomson	Andrew Mackay	Jamie Dick

Iain Thomson accepted the position.

Vice Chair: Jamie Dick	Andrew Mackay	Sandy Allison
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Jamie Dick accepted the position.

Treasurer: Andrew Mackay	Jackie Young	Iain Thomson
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Andrew Mackay accepted the position but with Mary Goulder/Donna Gilchrist 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
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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. Mary Goulder agreed to continue in these positions although as mentioned by the Chair the work of Treasurer will pass to Donna Gilchrist as soon as possible. Iain Thomson 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. IT thanked AMK for his exceptional service both as a member and later as Chair of the CC. He expressed his delight that AMK is remaining as a valued member of the CC.

It was then proposed to co-opt Catherine MacDonald to the CC, proposed by Iain Thomson and seconded by Andrew Mackay. It is believed that the CC is at full complement and if so, CM will be appointed as an Associate Member. CM indicated she was happy to accept.

LM/MG to confirm status with the Ward Manager. **LM/MG Action.**

There being no other relevant business this meeting closed at 7.50pm.