

Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council AGM meeting
Minutes of meeting on Thurs 15th February 2024 at 6.30 pm at Forfar community campus.

Present:

Community Councillors: - T. O'Brien (Tob), Graeme Clark (GC), Eleanor Feltham (EF) Jacqui Garvin (JG), Robin Wardhaugh (RW) and Dave Gardner (DG).

Minute Secretary: - None

Angus Councillors: - Cllr Linda Clark, Cllr Lynne Devine, Cllr Ian McLaren and Cllr Ross Greig.

Others; - None

1. Welcome and Apologies – The Interim Chair Cllr Lynne Devine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Marley Hunter (MH) Ian Dickson (ID), Angela Gillies (AG), and James Gray-Cheape (JGC),

Interim chairperson Cllr Lynne Devine welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Royal Burgh of Forfar community council and accepted the apologies given. Cllr LD thanked all those who had attended the AGM and said it was a good to see, as community council was needed. Cllr LD said that the council were there to provide help, training and guidance when needed. Then asked then asked for nominations for the office bearers. Cllr Clark added that community council was a good way to learn about local democracy. Also it could be a gateway to local council elections, Cllr gave a vote of thanks to all for volunteering.

4.Election of office bearers: Cllr LD conducted the election of office bearers the results are as follows.

Chairperson – No nominations, it was agreed that an option to have a rotating chair from the members was the best option until such time someone was happy to take on the role full time.

Vice Chairperson – Robin Wardhaugh Proposed by TOB seconded by EF

Secretary – T. O'Brien proposed by KP seconded by GC

Treasurer – Dave Gardner proposed by TOB seconded by JG

Planning officer – Eleanor Feltham proposed by Tom O'Brien seconded by RW.

Cllr LD handed the meeting over to Robin Wardhaugh (RW) who agreed to chair this meeting

5. Minutes from previous Meeting: Minutes from last years AGM agreed. Proposed by GC and seconded by EF.

6. Matters Arising from previous Meeting: None

7. Chairperson's Report: There has been no permanent chairperson so the secretary gave a short update on work carried out by the community council over the last 12 months.

A. The community council have taken part in democracy matters consultation.

B. Took part in meetings around training with the open University and with Angus council community planning.

C. Held public meetings around local issues about the proposed new pylon line and attended meetings with SSEN and other community councils, attended consultation events as well. Engaged with ESO and local MSP and MP.

D. Held public meetings about the proposed Lochlands junction closure and met with Scotia homes.

E. Training on NP4 and local place plans, this is ongoing.

F. Attended meeting with the public around local solar farm developments in the area.

Other issues have been raised over the year to many to mention but have involved speaking to the Police and local councillors on issues happening around the town. Also raised issues about flooding around the town.

8. Treasurer's Report: DG and TOB gave an update on signatories and TOB gave update on monies in the bank.

Total monies held are

Main account £264713 (which includes grant money from AC)

Reserve account £1833.88

Total monies as at 15th Feb 2024 £4481.01

9. Date and time of next meeting: The next AGM will be on January 2025 at 7 pm (19.00) unless advised otherwise. Venue to be finalised.

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