

Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council AGM meeting
Minutes of meeting on Thurs 23rd Jan 2025 at 6.30 pm at Forfar community campus.

Present:

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

Minute Secretary: - None

Angus Councillors: - Cllr Linda Clark and Cllr Ross Greig.

Others; - Tony Walker Forfar sailing club, Richard Blackmore and April Bryant members of the public.

1. Welcome and Apologies – The Interim Chair Cllr Ross Greig welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Jacqui Garvin (JG) Marley Hunter (MH) Ian Dickson (ID), Angela Gillies (AG), and James Gray-Cheape (JGC) and Kathryn Patullo (KP)

Interim chairperson Cllr RG asked for nominations to form the committee.

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

Chairperson – Robin Wardhaugh Proposed by GC seconded by DG

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

Treasurer – Dave Gardner proposed by TOB seconded by RW

Planning officer – Graeme Clark proposed by TOB seconded by RW.

Cllr RG handed the meeting over to Robin Wardhaugh (RW) to chair the rest of the meeting

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

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 see appendix A.

7. Secretary's report: See above.

8. Treasurer's Report: DG and TOB gave an update on signatories and TOB gave update on monies in the bank. New bank account up and running and old RBS account now closed.

Total monies held are

Main account	£264713 (which includes grant money from AC)
Reserve account	£1833.88
Resilience funding	£2000.00
Total monies as of 15 th Jan 2025	£6481.01

9. Date and time of next meeting: The next AGM will be in January 2026 at 7 pm (19.00) unless advised otherwise. Venue to be finalised.

Appendix A.

Acting Chairpersons report Forfar community council 2025.

During the last year the community council has not had a chairperson and so we have had acting chairs at each meeting. We are getting small numbers attending meetings so this next year we need to try and attract more people to join as community councillors so we can do more engagement with the community.

Some of the activities and work we have done over the last year are:

Worked with Angus cycle hub and attended their open day.

Took part in NP4 training

Attended conference on community funding

Resilience work with Angus resilience group and helped with getting sandbags etc supplied to the shops in the town during storms.

Sourced a new 24hr public access defib for the Gallowshade area of the town and funding the existing 1 in the town centre.

Carried out consultations on Pylons, Lochlands junction and Cotton of Lownie solar farm.

Held public meetings to engage with the public on various issues. Incl Pylons/SSEN and Lochlands junction

Looking into setting up a bus forum

Investigated issue with X-ray machine at Whitehills

Worked with Police Scotland on Pop up Police

Introduced idea for an Angus wide community council forum

Attended bi-annual meetings of community councils

On the Lairds quarry working group

Attended various online meetings on democracy matters, community council forums, funding, and social media training.

Working with solar farm developer on potential community benefit fund

Continuing to work with Angus council and local councillors.

Tom O'Brien

Secretary

Forfar community council