

Longstone Community Council

Minutes of the special Zoom meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2023 from 6.00 to 6.45 pm

Chair: Des Loughney

1 Introduction:

The chair introduced the special meeting. It had been agreed to hold this closed, meeting of the Community Council at our October meeting on the 9/10/23. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the implications of the resignation as councillor of Euan Robertson (ER). The chair had conducted an investigation into the circumstances of the resignation and produced a written report. The written report had been circulated in advance of this meeting to all Community Councillors. The report quoted the resignation email of Euan Robertson which alleged that the reason he had resigned was because he had been treated disrespectfully by the secretary of the Longstone Community Council. He felt demeaned.

The chair considered that the Council had to make two decisions at this meeting.

The first decision was to take a view on whether or not Euan Robertson had been

treated without the appropriate respect by the secretary. If the Council considered he had been treated appropriately then that would be end of the matter. If the Council considered that he had not been treated respectfully then the Council could consider what further action it needed to take.

2 Attendance and apologies

Elected members:

Des Loughney (Chair)(DL), Steuart Campbell (Secretary)(SC), Alan Gordon (Treasurer and Engagement Officer)(AG), Margaret Campbell (MC)

Co-opted members

John Allan (Vice Chair)(JA), Anastasia Muri (AM), William Sturgeon (WS),

Ray Donnelly (RD).

There were no apologies. All members of the Council were in attendance.

3. First decision on whether or not Euan Robertson had been treated with respect.

The resignation email of ER was considered.

It was moved by JA that the Council find that ER had not been treated with appropriate respect. The motion was seconded by AG. There then followed a discussion and all members were given the opportunity to speak including the secretary (SC). After discussion was completed the motion was put to the vote.

Voting in favour of the motion were JA, AG, DL and WS.

Voting against the motion was SC.

Abstaining were AM, MC and RD.

The chair declared that the motion was carried.

Before a second motion on further action was discussed the secretary announced that he was resigning as secretary.

The chair said that, following this resignation, there was no need to consider a further motion. It was agreed that the chair would draft a minute of the special meeting which would be tabled at our November meeting on 13/11/23. On the agenda of that meeting would be an item providing for the nomination and election of a new secretary. SC was thanked for his long service as secretary. This would be said more formally at the meeting on the 13th.

To prepare for the meeting on the 13th an interim secretary was required. AG volunteered and this was accepted unanimously.

The chair said that he would make the preparations for our Remembrance Day event on Sunday 12th November 2023 at 11am at the Memorial in Redhall Park.

Members were thanked for their attendance and the meeting was closed.