

Rigside & Douglas Water Community Council

Minutes of Inaugural meeting held on 14th January 2025 - 19.00 in Rigside Community Hall, Rigside

1. Present;

Councillor Ross Lambie,

Community Councillors – Jim Blair, Lynn Murphy, Andy Wallace, Frances Wallace, Kate Cowan, Betty Kerr, Brian Dingle and Teresa Dingle.

In attendance;

Councillor Ross Gowland and John Lennox

2. Apologies;

No apologies made

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting;

As this was the Inaugural meeting there were no previous minutes

4. Introduction;

The meeting was opened by Councillor Ross Lambie at 19.00. He welcomed those present and described the importance of the community council to the community.

He paid tribute to the Tenants and Residents Association and thanked them for the work they have done over many years.

He described the responsibility the community council have representing the views and opinions of the community and the organisations they will work with to make life better for the community. He described the role we would have in the planning process.

The benefits to the community and the support available with access to a dedicated Community Liaison Office with accounting and gold standard support in setting up and running a community council.

5. Resignations/casual vacancies/co-options;

Councillor Lambie explained elected Community councillor Mrs Lynn Murphy had resigned and this had been accepted by the Community Liaison Officer. Given Mrs Murphy and Mr Lennox had received the same number of votes at the election then it seemed appropriate for Mr Lennox to take up the vacancy. This was agreed by those present.

6. Appointment of Chairman;

Councillor Lambie called for volunteers or nominations for the position of chairman.

Mr Blair volunteered and was appointed with the support of the elected councillors.

Councillor Lambie vacated the chair, and Mr Blair took the chair.

7. Appointment of Vice-chair/Secretary/Treasurer;

The chairman called for volunteers or nominations for the position of vice chairman. Mr Brian Dingle volunteered and was accepted by the elected councillors.

The chairman then asked for volunteers or nominations for the post of Secretary.. Mr John Lennox volunteered and was accepted by the elected councillors

Finally the chairman asked for volunteers or nominations for treasurer.

Mrs Teresa Dingle volunteered and was accepted by the elected councillors.

8. Preparation of Constitution/Adoption of Standing Orders – Code of conduct;

The chairman issued copies of the appropriate sections of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Council document and suggested we adopt the recommended draft constitution. A discussion ensued around the name of the community council. and It was agreed the new name should be Rigside and Douglas Water Community Council.

The chairman agreed and would amend the constitution document.

Action: Cllr Blair

The chairman issued the appropriate documentation regarding the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders and requested that all councillors complete and return to the secretary

Action; All Councillors

The chairman also issued copies of the CC Contact form GDPR Privacy notice for completion by all

Action; All Councillors

It was agreed that the secretary would collate and return all copies of completed forms to the SLC Liaison Officer for those who would not/could not complete on line

Action; Cllr Lennox

9. Bank Account;

A discussion took place on the approach to setting up new bank accounts. One account for the Community Council business and one for Micro Grants. The treasurer will pursue this with the local branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Action; Cllr T Dingle

It was agreed that there would be 3 signatories to the account. The Chair , Mr J Blair. The Treasurer Mrs T Dingle and the Secretary, Mr J Lennox

A further discussion ensued on the winding up of the Tenants and Residents Association accounts if no volunteers came forward to continue the association.

10. Arrangements for future meetings

The chairman issued a couple of options/examples of the programme of meetings for the coming year. Two options were commended to the council to consider but this would require further discussion to finalise the programme,

A copy of these options are attached for information

11. AOB. Any Immediate actions

The chairman issued a list of Organisations that the Tenants and Residents Assoc. formally engaged with and sought assurance that the new Community Council would endeavour to continue to support.

A copy of this list is attached for information

There was a discussion regarding Community Council Notice boards and their placement. It was generally agreed that there should be 1 at each of the 4 following locations. Outside Shop, Outside Hall, Old Church and Douglas water.

Funding for these TBC

Several other items for discussion took place about the future direction of the council and it was agreed that these would have to await further meetings to conclude the set up arrangements.

12. Date of Next Meeting;

See item 10 above

As there are further discussions to be had around the periodicity and acceptable dates there has been nothing set at this time.

13. Close of Meeting;

The chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.10