

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017

1 MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

G. Smith, R. Craig, R Freel, S Montgomery, J Robb, S Irons, Cllr Dorman, Police Constables Lorna Hinclewood and Stevie Lowrie and 12 members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: T Feeney, Graeme Campbell

The Chairman, George Smith thanked those in attendance. He proceeded to advise that two meetings were being held tonight with the first meeting of the evening being the AGM and that the normal community council business meeting would follow directly after the AGM. It was anticipated that the AGM would finish around 8.00 o'clock.

Chairman stated that the 2016 AGM Minutes and 2017 minutes were laid out on the seats along with the Chairman's report for the past year including the October 17 minutes and previous 4 weeks correspondence list.

It was agreed by those present that the previous AGM minute was a correct record of the meeting and minute was adopted.

2 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Chairman George Smith proceeded to read out his annual report which was as follows:

The Members of the Community Council continue to have served the village well during 2017 by representing their views in many forums.

There have been 10 regular monthly meetings in accordance with the schedule of meetings set out by the community council. The meetings have been well attended and the issues which affect the village are regularly discussed and reported within the village.

The police have been in attendance at the meetings and there is a regular report on crime in the village. Speeding by vehicles on the bypass have been tackled along with other issues.

The office bearers met with Michael McGlynn, Director of Planning and Pauline Elliot, Head of Planning & Enterprise at South Lanarkshire Council in August to discuss the upcoming Local Plan. The Council were encouraged with the positive approach that the Community Council takes towards Planning & Development of the village. Another meeting is scheduled for 30th November 2017.

We had several meetings with the other community councils and Banks Group regarding the Kypemuir Wind Farm and the establishment of the Community Partnership which will distribute the money from the wind farm. We are continuing to look at the criteria for the distribution of the funds which will come on stream at the end of 2018, beginning of 2019. We visited the site for phase one initial 26 turbines and inspected the bases at their various stages of construction. We are about to enter the construction phase in 2018 and the community council will bring updates to the meeting.

We have made two FOI applications: Retrospective planning applications and Housing owned land maintained by land services details on website .

Local plan submission was made in May 2017 and a further submission in August on supplementary sites as well as commenting on 8 applications over the year.

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The Community Council again organised the production of the order of service for the service at the Cenotaph. Dr Lisa Cameron MP and our 3 Councillors attended along with many other village organisations to lay wreaths.

The Community Council continues to regularly use the Face book pages to update the village and we have increased the following with some excellent articles having several hundred 'hits' and attracting useful commentary.

3 TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Sharon Montgomery intimated that the accounts were still with South Lanarkshire council with no expenditure since being submitted. The delay with the accounts being to do with a petty cash voucher required for monies presented to the Girls brigade and the minutes wrongly implying it was the girl guides who received the monies.

4 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

Chairman advised that the procedure was slightly different from past AGMS due to the changes in the scheme for community councils and the fact the Chair can remain in position until the next triennial election. Chair asked for nominations for the remaining positions however it was unanimous that the positions remain as the previous year.

Chair also reported that Nicola Foote had resigned and that a vacancy existed for a position on the community council and asked those present to consider it.

The office bearer positions being as follows:

Chairman: Mr George Smith.

Vice chairman: Mr Robert Craig

Correspondence Secretary: Robert Freel

Minute Secretary: Jeanette Robb

Treasurer: Sharon Montgomery

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Secretary advised that following South Lanarkshire /council's revision of the community council's scheme members were now required to agree the constitution every year. All members agreed to accept the current constitution with no amendments proposed. This was accepted however during 2017-2018 the Community council members will re-examine the constitution.

6. BANK ACCOUNT

No changes were required to the bank account as there were no changes to the committee member structure.

7. LIST OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The chair advised that the meetings would be on the 3rd Monday of the month with the exception of July and possibly December. A list of future meeting was circulated. All dates would be posted on website and Facebook and issued at the next meeting as well as being inserted in the local notice boards, displayed in the community hall and on the community council web site.

5 AOCB

No other business raised and Chair closed the AGM at 7.55