



CREICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 7.30pm in the Bonar Bridge Hall

Present: Pete Campbell, Chair (PC), Vice Chair Ron Boothroyd (RB), Russell Taylor, Treasurer (RT), Norman MacDonald (NM), Marcus Munro (MM)

Apologies: Russell Smith (RS), John White (JW)

Also present: Cameron Munro (CM), Anna Patfield (AP)

Police representatives: None

Secretary: Mary Goulder (MG)

Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above) Chair Pete Campbell opened the meeting with a special welcome to the members of the public present.

Item 2. Adoption of Minutes of AGM June 2018. The minutes from the AGM, held on 19th June 2018 as part of the regular monthly meeting, were adopted as a true and accurate record; proposed by Ron Boothroyd, seconded by Norman MacDonald.

Item 3. Report from the Chair. (PC) Chair began by noting the resignation of Alexandar Campion from the CC. AC was thanked in his absence for his contribution to the community and in particular his work on the CC website and Facebook page. This year's report followed the same pattern as previous years, listing the many official and informal organisations and groups with which the CC liaises. First and foremost, THC various departments, most often TECS, Planning and Roads. Liaising with developers of prospective windfarms to ensure the best benefits to the community. Community buy-ins may become more common; it is possible that KOSDT might take on this administration. The CC has given much support to the bringing of a reliable Broadband service to the area and much credit should be given to RB and Highland Wireless for the great progress in recent months. The company is very successful and plans to expand its reach in the coming months. RB was also thanked for his work in keeping the CC website up to date until it was taken over by AC and for taking this back for the time being.

Chair recorded his displeasure that no representative of THC was present to oversee this AGM, nor any apology received. With effectively a 60% cut to the admin funding the CC is rendered almost 100% ineffectual. The costs of running meetings, hiring halls, secretarial expenses cannot be met but the CC cannot function without them. There is no future for CCs if this lack of support, both financial and in person, carries on. Efforts to attract new/younger members are unsuccessful with local people either not able or not willing to become involved. This does not bode well for the elections in November when it is fully anticipated that this CC could fail to form. For the remaining meetings before November it is proposed that no THC business will be discussed with the CC only convening to administer community benefit funds. This was agreed by those present and the Ward Manager will be informed. **MG Action.**

Very sincere thanks were noted for Russell Taylor who is standing down as Treasurer after many years of service on the CC, holding various offices during that time. His work as Treasurer has been invaluable and very much appreciated. Thanks were also noted for Mary Goulder's work as Secretary, ensuring the function of the CC and providing the liaison between all three of the local CCs.

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Item 4. Treasurer's report. Russell Taylor presented the CC accounts for the year to 5th April 2019 which had been audited by James Docherty as before. CC is grateful to him for this service. Brief breakdown of income and expenditure was covered with no questions raised. The accounts will be submitted to the Highland Council Ward Manager in hopes of triggering a prompt payment of the annual grant. RT was highly commended for all his work as Treasurer which, as already stated from the Chair, is greatly appreciated by all members.

Item 5. Adoption of the accounts. The accounts were approved by all present, proposed by Russell Taylor; seconded by Norman MacDonald.

Item 6. Election of office bearers. All members stood down from office. In the absence of any Highland council representative, Mary Goulder assumed Chair for the purpose of electing the office bearers.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	<u>Accepted/Refused</u>
Chair	Pete Campbell	Norman MacDonald	Marcus Munro	Accepted – until November
Vice Chair	Ron Boothroyd	Pete Campbell	Pete Campbell	Accepted – until November
Treasurer	Mary Goulder	Pete Campbell	Marcus Munro	Accepted - until November
Secretary	Mary Goulder	All present	All present	Accepted – until November

The posts of Treasurer and Secretary both now be paid in line with the previously agreed conditions, with final responsibility resting with the Chair of the CC.

Secretary will advise Ward Manager Phil Tomalin of the election results. **MG Action.**

Item 7. Any other relevant business. MM recorded his hopes that the CC will continue into the future and although he is not able to take any office at present, he aims to help promote the CC as it evolves. He hoped that not all the present members will be standing down in November and said he was encouraging one or two new people to become involved.

Item 8. Date, time and place of next AGM. The next AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 7.30pm in the Bonar Bridge Hall.

Meeting closed at 8pm.