



## CREICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom

**Present:** Pete Campbell, Chair (PC), Vice Chair Marcus Munro (MM), Norman MacDonald (NM), Keith Williams (KW), John White (JW), Rikki Veters (RV), Donna Gilchrist (DG)

**Treasurer/Secretary:** Mary Goulder (MG)

**Apologies:** Russell Smith (RS), Brian Coghill (BC)

**Also present:** Highland Councillor Kirsteen Currie (KC), David Watson, KoSDT (DW), Colin Gilmour (CG), Michael Baird (MB)

**Police representatives:** None

**Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above)** Chair Pete Campbell opened the meeting thanking all for attending.

**Item 2. Adoption of Minutes of AGM November 2020.** The minutes from the AGM, held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 as part of the regular monthly meeting, were adopted as a true and accurate record; proposed by Norman MacDonald, seconded by Keith Williams.

**Item 3. Report from the Chair.** (PC) Chair highlighted the ongoing requirement for online meetings which although less than satisfactory, especially for an AGM, does at least allow for the business of the CC to continue. Strong hopes are held that after the summer recess meetings may be held once again in person. As last year's AGM was deferred until November there is less than usual to report at this one. Only a couple of presentations were possible. SSE presented plans for the Achany Extension windfarm and discussions are ongoing regarding the community benefit arrangements. DW has attended online meetings with PC as changes to how community benefit may be handled in the future may lead to involvement of KoSDT. Jodie Ross and Jason Gardiner gave an excellent update on the Community Resilience Plan which has been very well received with SSE's Fiona Morrison stating it is the best she has seen so far. JR and JG were congratulated on an extremely professional result. Details of the plan will be published quarterly in the Kyle Chronicle and residents are encouraged to keep their copies to hand in case of any emergency arising. Liaison continues with all the regular organisations, THC, the police, other official bodies, local groups and the neighbouring CCs. THC's response so far to the exceedingly poor conditions of roads and pavements throughout the area remains a matter of concern. The CC is constantly seeking younger locals to become involved; DG was welcomed as she will take on the role of Treasurer following the handover from MG. All CC members were thanked for their continued input and support to the Chair. Special thanks were expressed to MG for her work as Secretary/Treasurer and continuity of liaison on behalf of the CC.

**Item 4. Treasurer's report.** (MG) After the best part of year MG finally gained access to both the bank accounts online and has maintained them since. It is hoped that adding DG to the list of those with access will be achieved more swiftly this time. The accounts have been audited again by Highland Bookkeeping Services in Lairg and following adoption will be submitted to THC to trigger payment of the annual admin grant. **MG Action.**

**Item 5. Adoption of the accounts.** The accounts were approved by all present, proposed by John White; seconded by Norman MacDonald.

**Item 6. Election of office bearers.** All members stood down from office. Cllr Currie assumed the Chair for the purpose of conducting the election.

## Minutes approved 21/6/2022

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secounder</u>	<u>Accepted/Refused</u>
Chair	Pete Campbell	John White	Norman MacDonald	Accepted but will encourage involvement of Vice Chair
Vice Chair	Marcus Munro	Pete Campbell	Rikki Veters	Accepted
Treasurer	Donna Gilchrist	Rikki Veters	Marcus Munro	Accepted
Secretary	Mary Goulder	Pete Campbell	Marcus Munro	Accepted

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

**Item 7. Any other relevant business.** Norman MacDonald agreed to remain as the CC representative to Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Company. At present the reps to the Achany Panel will remain as John White and Pete Campbell. PC will also take the role of first contact within the CC for matters relating to windfarm developments/discussions. DW will become more involved over time.

**Item 8. Date, time and place of next AGM.** To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.