**Lairg & District Community Initiatives**

**Annual General Meeting**

Lairg Community Centre

Tuesday 1st September 2014 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Chairperson Alasdair Marshall, Vice Chair person Steven Maclean, Treasurer Charles Smith, Company Secretary Morven Munro, Director Sheena Skinner, Director Jeff Norrie, Development Officer Magda Macdonald and 6 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Angela Sutherland, Alan Ross, Jackie Young, Derick Young, Joan Macdonald

Chairperson Mr Alasdair Marshall opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. All present has access to the agenda through paper format. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts were given to each person present.

The Minutes of the previous AGM, held on 25th September 2014 were approved; proposed by Morven Munro (Company Secretary), seconded by Alasdair Marshall (Chair person).

Chairpersons report was given by Mr Alasdair Marshall, copy is in the annual report.

The Secretary, Morven Munro, has explained the situation with closing the accounts. Mr. B. Channer (Member), has asked for clarification on the situation with the Ferrycroft Visitors Centre – it has been explained by Morven Munro and Alasdair Marshall that LDCI does not have any involvement in the Centre and the Ferrycroft account is now closed. The Treasurers’ Report was accepted at the meeting. The accounts have been audited and found to be correct; Adoption of accounts was proposed by Morven Munro and seconded by Steven Maclean.

Accountant Ian Mackay of Golspie was re-appointed for the coming year, Proposed by Morven Munro, seconded by Sheena Skinner.

A presentation was the given by Magda Macdonald, Development Officer on the progress that had been made since the last Annual General Meeting on the 25 September 2014, which included the work done by her predecessor Donna Wylie as well as her own.

Although no questions/any other business was listed on the agenda, The Board answered some questions from the public.

When asked about the detail of the Community Emergency Plan, Jeff Norrie and Magda Macdonald explained the purpose and the importance of the Plan as well as provided the information on the SSE Resilient Communities Fund.

Few members were very interested to find out more about the future website for Lairg. Magda Macdonald provided a description of the proposed comprehensive website and the project has found a big support.

The discussion took place about the public involvement in the projects/activities/events taking place in Lairg. Some members expressed their concerns that there is not enough public engagement and maybe LDCI can do more to attract more volunteers. Although everyone agreed it would be desirable to have more people involved, many do not recognize it as a major issue and often as an indicator of the trust and positive feedback the organisation receives.

A member of the public (John Quinn) asked a question regarding the walks in Lairg and suggested the path along the Loch Shin not included in the LDCI leaflet presented. He will meet with the Development Officer to discuss further. He will also discuss the idea of hydro microschemes for the area.

Election of Directors.

Nominee Proposed by Seconded by

Chairperson: Mr Alasdair Marshall Morven Munro Steven Maclean

Vice Chairperson: Mr Steven Maclean Morven Munro Alasdair Marshall

Treasurer: Mrs Morven Munro Alasdair Marshall Steven Maclean

Secretary: Mr Charles Smith Alasdair Marshall Sheena Skinner

Board Director: Jeff Norrie

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Chairperson, Mr Alasdair Marshall also informed the public that if anyone was interested in becoming a director, to approach a member of the board or to attend any of the future board meetings to join the present board.

Meeting closed at 9 pm