

Evanton Wood Community Company

Charity SC 0420265; Incorporated in Scotland as a Limited Company 332678

Minutes of AGM

Mon. 7th October 2019

held in the Cornerstone Cafe

15 people attended (*list at end*), of whom 12 current members.
Apologies are also listed.

Welcome by the chair, Douglas Wilson.

Photographic slides ran throughout the meeting. Teas were served at the start.

Minutes of previous AGM

These were proposed as a true record by Patricia Snow, seconded by Celina Peoples.

Report by the Directors on activities of the company since the AGM

The secretary (AC) gave a report (*attached*).

The chair (DW) gave an address (*attached*).

The membership secretary (BL) reported that there were 37 life members plus 4 annual members.

Presentation of accounts

The secretary presented the accounts for the period ending 31.10.18 These had been accepted by the board and also by Companies House and OSCR. He noted the work of Penny Gray in keeping the cash book.

There were no questions from the floor.

The AGM agreed to accept the accounts and directors' report (proposed by CP, seconded by PS).

Fixing the annual subscription

The meeting agreed to retain the current rates of membership.

Retiral of directors and continuation of other elected Directors

In line with the articles of association 2 directors were due to stand down: Blandine Lynch and Douglas Wilson.

Election of Directors

Nominations had been received for Penny Gray, who had been serving as a co-opted director, Blandine Lynch and Douglas Wilson (each nominated by Adrian Clark, seconded by Barbara Clark).

There being no other nominations these 3 people were re-elected directors of the company. They join Celina Peoples, Adrian Clark and Patricia Snow.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

The board proposed (AC, BL) to continue with Frame Kennedy as independent examiners and this was duly approved.

The chair thanked all for attending the meeting.

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Attendance (m = paid up members):

Trevor Black, Blandine Lynch (m), Douglas Wilson (m), Adrian Clark (m), Rob Gibson (m), Deirdre James (m), Rebecca Watts, Chris Lea (m), Andrew Easton (m), David Smith (m), Penny Gray (m), Betty Fraser (m), Donald Fraser (m), Celina Peoples, Patricia Snow (m)

Apologies: Patrick Baird, Barbara Clark , Lilian Lockhart, Eleanor Scott.

Discussion

There followed discussion about the proposed thinning of the wood - with emphasis on the principles of good forestry management, low impact extraction, maintaining the look and feel of the wood, cost effectiveness and positive cash-flow, the issues of stacking and forwarding, the need for community engagement and education etc. TB asked whether the board would consider felling some individual larger trees of higher value that would be of interest for building projects. DW answered positively but indicated that it would be best if the buyers were lined up in advance.

DW mentioned the proposal for a Biology/Ecology working group. DJ and RW expressed interest in joining.

DJ mentioned the need for better signage into the wood from the village and the possibility of tying in with the Evanton Community Trust. AC indicated that the board recognised the need and would be following this up.

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