

# **Contin Community Council Annual General Meeting**

## **Contin Hall**

**7.30pm on Tuesday 11 June 2019**

### **Minutes**

Present:

Norma Ross (NR), Selina Rennie (SR), Lisa Daines (LD), Pam Courcha (PC), Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC).

Apologies: Laurence Gunner (LG).

One member of the public observed.

#### **1. Welcome**

NR welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

#### **2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting**

All were content with the previous minutes. SR proposed and NR seconded.

#### **3. Chairperson's Annual Report**

Firstly I would like to thank all Councillors for their support, preparation before meetings and their attendance at meetings. We have been quorate at each meeting.

Thank you also to Councillor Dr Ian Cockburn for his regular attendance, advice at meetings and his attention to our requests.

Our efforts this year as a Community Council have been to consult and then rewrite our priority list. This has created major areas of challenge for us which will take time to come to fruition and can only be worked upon one at a time. The activity we have selected is to improve the Bluebell Walk.

As the SSE Fairburn Fund is closed, we are lucky enough to have our projects made possible by utilising the EDF Corriemoillie wind farm funding available to Contin. The projects are:-

The History Project which is progressing well and evolving as we go along. The Community Council made the application as we are a constituted group and we manage the budget for this. We are involved but the real enthusiasm comes from Phil Baarda.

The Contin Post newspaper distributed to all in Contin, Jamestown and Tarvie with copies being made available in Strathpeffer too. We were successful in our bid for funding for a year to see how we could improve communications in Contin. The Community Council do not run this project but we made application to the fund as a constituted group. We hold the money for this. Norma Ross from the CCC helps another 4 volunteers with The Contin Post.

These projects represent a significant shift in emphasis to members of the community being empowered to become involved as opposed to offering suggestions that the Councillors complete on their behalf. This is the way communities need to evolve, otherwise the same few people are involved in everything and suffer from volunteer fatigue and stop helping.

Micro Grant applications have been awarded for:

- The very first trial edition of The Contin Post;
- Generous Christmas Presents for the Children's Christmas party;
- Parking cones to help alleviate the stress caused by inconsiderate parking by Strathpuffer spectators. These will be well used for other activities;
- A clear up in Praes Mairi.

We also held a Village Blether where we had several service providers present with advice on energy and water saving measures, fire safety in the home, recycling information and a transport scheme provided through Ross shire Voluntary Action. Foundation Scotland was also present to talk about their two grants and Phil Baarda has a stall about our history project. The Community Trust had their plans for the new Hall on view too. We also consulted on our priority list. We felt that at 5 members of the public attending it did not generate the help for the community we had hoped it would.

We also held a Litter Pick one Saturday that helped to make Contin quite a bit tidier.

Community Council elections are due to be held in November so we are actively looking for residents within the area to put themselves forward to become Councillors as there is a strong chance that the Community Council will fail to form.

#### **4. Treasurer's Submission of Financial Statement**

SR presented the annual financial statement. There was a total income of £6868.74, expenditure of £4600.57 and £9798.33 is carried forward. This includes funds for other groups such as The Contin Post and the History Project. The financial statement was agreed unanimously by Councillors.

#### **5. Demit of Current Office Bearers and Election of Office Bearers**

All office bearers stepped down. For 2019/20 Norma Ross is Chair, proposed by PC and seconded by SR. Selina Rennie is Treasurer, proposed by LD, seconded by NR and Lisa Daines is Secretary, proposed by NR, seconded by PC.

#### **6. Date of Next Annual General Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7.50pm.