

NAIRN WEST & SUBURBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.00pm, Monday 22 May 2023, in the Nairn Community & Arts Centre

DRAFT Minutes

Present:

NWSCC members: Alastair Noble (AN, in the Chair) *Councillors:* Michael Green (MG)
Alan Hampson (AH) Paul Oldham (PO)
Joan Noble (JN) Laurie Fraser (LF)
Kevin Reid (KR)
Brian Stewart (BS) *Others:* Hamish Bain (NRCC)
Phill Stuart (PS) Mandy Lawson (NRCC)
Dick Youngson (DY) Veronica McKinnon (NRCC)
Alan Calder (NRCC)

Apologies: Graham Stuart
Cllr Babs Jarvie

Absent: Lorraine Mallinson

1. **Welcome/Introduction**

1.1 Alastair Noble (in the Chair) welcomed those present, and noted that Cllr Green would take the chair for Item 5. Cllr Jarvie had sent apologies as she was attending a meeting about Nairn Academy. Graham Stuart had also sent his apologies.

1.2 It was noted that the meeting was not being recorded. There were no declarations of interest.

2. **Minutes of previous AGM (27 June 2022)**

2.1 The minutes of the 2022 AGM had been circulated by email. No comments or amendments were offered. The minutes were adopted (proposed by **AH**, seconded by **JN**).

3. **Chair's report**

3.1 **AN** had circulated his annual report. [A copy is attached.]

3.2 He highlighted a number of key points:

- the community – and the country – faced serious financial and budgeting challenges;
- this underlined the importance of securing a 'fair share' of the funds available;
- the lack of progress on A96 bypass-delivery was regrettable;
- it was vital for Nairn's economy to create local jobs and sustain the tourism-based economy;
- delivery of a Local Place Plan was a key objective;
- local management of Common Good, and establishment of an 'engagement group' was a priority;
- he hoped the upcoming elections in November would see new candidates seeking to join NW&SCC.

MG commented that we were all moving in the same direction, but that "*the pace of progress was not under our control*". There were no other questions or comments.

4. Treasurer's report

4.1 **PS** (Treasurer) presented the checked and verified annual accounts for the year to 31 March 2023. [A copy is attached].

4.2 The CC had a net credit balance of £2388.75. **PS** commented that the CC might wish to consider spending some of the available funds on publicity and promotion to encourage greater attendance engagement by members of the local resident community.

4.3 **PO** asked why there were two debit entries in respect of Zoom subscriptions. It was explained that the first (paid in December) was for the year 2022, and that the payment for 2023 had subsequently been automatically charged to the credit card of the previous website Administrator (Ally MacDonald) to whom NW&SCC had then refunded the money. That automatic arrangement had now been cancelled, and it was unlikely that NW&SCC would maintain a paid subscription to Zoom in future years. There were no other comments or questions. Thanks were recorded to Ritson Young for their assistance in scrutinising the accounts. The annual accounts were approved (proposed KR, seconded BS).

5. Election of office-bearers

5.1 In the absence of the Ward Manager, **Cllr Green (MG)** kindly took the chair. All current office bearers were deemed to have demitted their positions.

5.2 **AN** had expressed his willingness to serve again as Chair. **KR** nominated him, and this was seconded by **DY**. There were no other nominations, and no objections. Cllr Green in the Chair declared that **AN** had been re-elected..

5.2 **MG** then called for nominations for Secretary. **BS** explained that after many years in the role, and in order to enable a sensible transition and handover to a successor, he would not be seeking re-election. There were no volunteers for the post. **JN** and **KR** offered to take on some secretarial tasks (eg letter-writing) and it was noted that **GS** was prepared to continue to manage the website. After some discussion **BS** agreed to continue to assist with essential tasks such as minute-taking in an ad hoc or interim capacity until the November CC elections. This was accepted by the Chair.

5.3 **PS** had agreed to be re-nominated to the position of Treasurer (nominated by **AN**, seconded by **JN**). No other nominations were put forward, and no objections. **MG** in the Chair declared that **PS** had been re-elected as Treasurer.

6. Proposed date for 2023 AGM

6.1 **AN** resumed the Chair, and noted that under the Scheme of Establishment the AGM had to take place between 1 April and 30 June each year. It was agreed that the date for the 2024 AGM could be decided nearer the time.

7. AOCB

7.1 There were no other questions, and no topics raised for discussion. The AGM concluded at 19:30 hrs, and those present proceeded to participate in an ordinary monthly meeting.

*encs: NW&SCC Chair's report for 2022-23
Annual accounts for year to 31 March 2023*