

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 13th Oct 2020, via online meeting

- 1. Attendance:** CCllrs: G Cox (Chair), D Morris (Vice Chair), A Davidson (Treasurer), S McGregor (Secretary), S Forde, A Cragoe, G Smith; and WCllr W Robertson; and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: WCllrC Purves, Bruce Calderwood

- 2. Approval of Previous minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2019 were approved. Proposed by Dave Morris and seconded by Susan Forde.

- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

None.

- 4. Chairman's Annual Report 2020:** The CC received and noted the Chairman's Report for 2020:

The Council year Oct 2019 through Oct 2020, has been a 'game of 2 halves'.

The first half witnessed a significant change in council membership, with a new Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Despite only 4 CCllrs standing for re-election, membership of the CC has grown considerably with 2 new co-opted members and 2 additional associate members. It was noted that, in future, it would be helpful if the three office bearers did not all leave at the same time. The loss of experience within the CC was notable, yet the new membership has brought fresh perspectives. The CC is now more diverse and will continue to seek further engagement across the community it represents.

The new CC, supported by a fantastic group of WCllrs, have engendered progress with respect to road safety measures within Portmoak – most notably a 20mph speed limit within Scotlandwell. Planning for extension of the Portmoak Cemetery remains in progress and all routine planning (housing) matters have been addressed. Loch Leven water quality remains a concern as does the lack of paths between Scotlandwell and Kilmagadwood. The local Paths Group have continued their sterling work and the Woodland Trust maintain the local environs with aplomb.

The second 'half' has been dominated by the Covid 19 pandemic. On 26th March 2020 the normal democratic protocols ceased as required by the Emergency Act (Scotland) 2020, with the SNP minority administration assuming full powers which they have decided not to relinquish. Mirroring the situation in Holyrood, the non-elected officials of PKC held on to their new powers. This directly affected the CC, with many community matters placed on hold.

Saying that, with every challenge comes new opportunities. The CC has discovered a new ability to operate online and will continue to embrace as many communication

mechanisms as possible. Additionally, the Portmoak Resilience Group attracted an abundance of volunteers to help out through the pandemic. This all bodes well for the future and we look forward to the prospect of delivering more benefit for the community of Portmoak in 2021.

Graham Cox, Chairman, Portmoak Community Council. 13/10/20

5. **Treasurer's Annual Report.** The Treasurer reported that the accounts had been audited with support from Roy Walker, Auditor. The previous Treasurer, Bruce Calderwood, had assisted with the auditing for 2019/20. Therefore at the year-end 31st August 2020 there was: £662.80 in the General Account; and £1,427.95 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £2090.75. In the No3 Holding account there was £0.
6. **Secretary report:** The Secretary reports in these minutes that the Chairman's Report is a fair and accurate annual summation of the actions of the Community Council over the last 12 months.
7. **Approval of Annual Accounts:** The accounts for the year to 31st August 2020 had been subject to independent examination and as such submitted for approval by the Community Council prior to their submission to Perth & Kinross Council. The accounts were duly approved by the CC and the Treasurer instructed to submit them to Perth and Kinross Council and to obtain the funding grant for the forthcoming financial year.

The full Income and Expenditure of the CC's accounts can be found on the CC website.

8. **Demit of current office bearers/election of Office Bearers 2020**

The following office bearers were appointed until October 2021:

Chairman: CClr Graham Cox

Proposed by CClr Susan Forde, seconded by CClr Graham Smith.

Secretary: CClr Sue McGregor

Proposed by CClr Ann Davidson, seconded by CClr Dave Morris

Treasurer: CClr Ann Davidson

Proposed by CClr Anne Cragoe, seconded by CClr Susan Forde

9. **Date of next AGM:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at Portmoak Village Hall or Online TBC.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting