



Galashiels Community Council

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6th June 2018

Burgh Chambers

6.00pm

MINUTES

Present

Judith Cleghorn, Tracey Alder, Rick Kenney, Tom Ingoldsby, Eileen Frame, Drew Tulley, Helen Calder, Liz Jardine Claire Howden, John Hazle

In Attendance

CLr Harry Scott
Kevin Janiak – Southern Reporter
Ally McGilvray- Borders Radio
3 Members of Public

1. Chair's Welcome and Apologies

Judith Cleghorn welcomed everyone to the Community Council AGM 6th June and took apologies from Tony Brown, Kevin Ryalls, Celeste Di Vito, CLr Euan Jardine CLr Sandy Aitchison, Marion Romeril was unable to attend due to the lift in the building being out of order and was reported over a week ago by the caretaker.

2. Chairs Report 2018

Good evening Ladies and gentlemen

It is part of my duties as Chair to thank those of you who have helped to make my job easier this year.

So, first, the Vice Chair, Rick Kenney, without whose good advice and help, my job would be much harder. Thank you too Rick, for guiding us through the planning applications – advising us and answering SBC on our behalf.

To Tracey, whose minutes are always sent out in good time, always accurate and to the point? Thank you also Tracey for keeping us on the straight and narrow, so far as the regulations we have to adhere to are concerned – your knowledge is essential, and thanks to you are richly deserved.

To Tom, who keeps our money flowing, if not freely, then well within the rules; who advises us on all financial matters and ensures that everything is ready for our annual audit.

My thanks also go the rest of you around this table -you are helping us to become a stronger community council, to have a bigger say in what happens in the town. Thank you especially to those of you who represent and work with other groups attached to this community council – I think particularly of Claire who chairs the Waterways group, who turns out every month whatever the weather, to help clean up the waterways of the town; well done Claire, you are a fine example to us all. And to all of you who attend other groups, for example, the Common Good Fund, the A7 Action Group and the Eildon Partnership, to name but a few.

Of course, we also have the Gala in Bloom team to thank, and the Events Group, although they have been pretty quiet so far this year, things are happening in the background and all will be revealed soon.

And finally, the elected members – thank you Councillors for all your hard work on our behalf; we know it is not always easy, but it is good to know that you are always ready to help with our queries and we are grateful for all you do.

The members of the community council have hardly changed at all in the last year – apart from John Hazle who decided to head for sunnier climes – but decided that Gala is after all, the best place to be – and who could argue with him. We have welcomed Bill Jeffrey to the table – and I hope I have not missed anyone else.

Looking forward, the Community Council will be involved in the Gala Remembers event, and we will be working towards improving the Christmas lights in the town. We also expect to be working supporting the Rotary with their Christmas market.

So, welcome to this new Community Council year and let's look forward to a busy and productive time.

3. Minutes of AGM 14th June 2017

Minutes of the AGM 14th June 2017 were approved by Tom Ingoldsby and Seconded by Rick Kenney

4. All Members of the Community Council agreed that all Office Bearers remain in their roles until the AGM of 2020

5. Treasurers Report and Accounts Update

Tom Ingoldsby reported on the Accounts and said that the Independent Examiner had found no discrepancies. All received a copy of the Annual Report.

Accounts were proposed by Rick Kenney and Seconded by Eileen Frame

6. Appointment of Auditors

The Community Council accounts are audited by an Independent Financial Verifier Alison Gray at Selkirk

All Agreed that Alison Gray remain the Auditor of the Community Council Accounts and Finances.

Proposed by Drew Tulley Seconded by Liz Jardine

7. Agree to Abide by Code of Conduct

All Members of the Community Council that were present agreed to abide by the Community Council Code of Conduct.

8. AOB

9. Date of Next Meeting

June 5th 2019 – Community Council AGM 6pm Focus Centre