



# Gargunnock Community Trust Ltd.

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## Gargunnock Community Trust AGM 2017 15 June 2017

### Present

Mike Pizey, Stuart Ogg, Edmond Mansion, Douglas Coupethwaite (Chair), Lovat MacGregor, Douglas Johnston, Jackie Campbell, Geoff Peart, Jeremy Wilkinson, Gavin Fleming, David King Jane Arneil.

### Apologies

Ian Gulland, Gilly Bruce, Anne Dando and Elizabeth Mansion

Douglas C opened the meeting by expressing best wishes to Elizabeth who was unwell and in hospital at present.

### Minutes of Previous AGM 28 April 2016

Douglas Coupethwaite asked for a proposer and seconder of the previous AGM minutes. They were proposed by Geoff Peart and seconded by Lovat MacGregor.

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous AGM minutes.

### Chair's Report

Douglas Coupethwaite provided the Chair's report.

He entitled his report endings and beginnings.

He noted that as the Trust went into summer last year there were two major issues outstanding which were the transfer of the Glebe land and finalising the Windfarm Community benefit.

The refurbishment of the Drop in Centre was planned to take place over the holiday period and successfully completed. Everyone agreed that the transformation was impressive with much of its success being down to the input from the young people

who are the main users. The cost was around £8,000 but happily £5,000 of this was offset by a persuasive grant application to the Stafford Trust prepared by Douglas J.

One of the factors emphasised in the application was that the refurbishment was one of a number of improvements that were originally planned to be part of the rebuilding of the Centre as a whole back in 2012/13 but which had to be delayed because of the lack of money at that time. Douglas stressed that we must not lose sight of the fact that there are things still to be tackled such as the rising damp in the Centre and external woodwork. It was important to make provision for them. The business plan calls for a survey of the premises in the coming year and redecorations are due.

By November 2016 progress was eventually being made with the Glebe land as the complications of the GVDIA's legal representation were resolved.

The Trust agreed and carried out a residents' survey, using a questionnaire developed by Jackie to establish views on how the Glebe land should be used.

The Windfarm benefit was settled and will be administered by Foundation Scotland.

Jane stood down as Company Secretary.

All through the winter we had a series of breakdowns and problems with the heating system.

In early 2017 we actually had the title documents to the Glebe land and the residents' survey was underway. Altogether 170 responses were received to the survey with 45% in favour of a garden/park, 36% recreational, 14% housing and 5% mix of housing/garden/recreational.

A separate account for windfarm money was set up and consultations with the Community Council began to ensure the widest agreement was reached as to how the fund would be managed.

By April 2017 we had heard that our caretaker Steve would be leaving.

A new online booking system was being investigated and we agreed we now needed to develop a brief for a geotechnical survey of the Glebe land to see what was feasible in terms of the outcomes from the survey.

In May 2017 we held a public meeting to agree the shape of the Panel which will administer the Windfarm benefit money. It will have members from the Trust, Community Council and the village.

So he noted that the year finishes with the Trust in fairly good health. Income at £14,522 was around 2.9% down on the previous full year but it must be remembered that income was lost from the songsters and carpet bowls.

On a positive note Douglas recorded the success of Bite and Blether, organised by Elizabeth and Jane generated an excellent return of £2,000. The Chair expressed his sincere gratitude for all the effort put into this popular local event.

Douglas indicated that his presentation had been entitled endings and beginnings. Endings referred to the Glebe land saga ending and the completion of the long negotiations over the windfarm money.

Douglas thanked everyone for their support and wished the Trust all the very best for the future.

Another ending was the retiral of three Directors, Douglas, Jane Bain and Anne Dando which will be followed by the beginning of three new Directors involvement.

This lead onto the beginning of what he was sure will be a positive and beneficial time for the village.

### **Company Secretary Report**

It was reported that all statutory returns had been made so the standing of the Trust was confirmed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Douglas J provided the Treasurer's report noting overall a fairly positive position although income had gone down slightly the situation had been helped by the Church booking and the elections. He stressed the importance of looking for additional sources of income especially with the appointment of the caretaker/administrator.

It was noted that prices had last been reviewed in 2013 and there had been no increase in 8 years. It was agreed that alternative scenarios and prices should be examined using the business plan model.

Douglas noted OSCR's guidance recommending that a reserves policy should be established to address known and unforeseen costs. In this respect it would be important for the Trust to take into account the need for a planned approach to maintaining the Centre as a key community asset. It was agreed that a reserves policy should be developed.

He also noted that the Glebe land was now a Trust asset to be used for the community although a geotechnical survey was required before any plans could be developed. As a starting point it was agreed to undertake a land registry search.

In summary, Douglas J felt that the Trust was in a fairly sound financial position although it was important to be cautious about how to sustain existing assets.

### **Election of Trustees**

Douglas explained that, in accordance with the Articles of Association all directors would stand down but would be eligible to be re-appointed although four had decided that they did not wish to stand again. The four directors who were standing down and therefore not seeking re-election were Douglas C, Jane, Gilly and Anne.

Douglas C. intimated that there were four office bearers of the Trust. All the existing office bearers were thanked for their work since the last AGM.

The following office bearers were elected, there being no other nominations:

Iain Gulland - Chair of the Trust  
Douglas Johnston – Treasurer  
Jeremy Wilkinson – Company Secretary  
Stuart Ogg - Administrative Secretary

Jackie Campbell agreed to be the liaison person for the Centre User Group.

The other Trustees appointed were Edmond Mansion, Geoff Peart, Mike Pizey, Jackie Campbell, Dave King, Gavin Fleming, Elizabeth Mansion and Lovat McGregor

## **AOB**

The composition of the Windfarm panel was noted following the expressions of interest at the recent community meeting organised by the Trust. Based on the response there would be two nominations from the community council, two from the Trust and three from the community more generally. It was noted that Geoff had agreed to organise the first meeting of the panel.

It was recorded that Carol MacGregor has been appointed as the caretaker for the centre and the administrator for the funding panel and website.

It was noted that the existing website domain name could not be transferred so a new one was required. This would allow a new start to be made on the website.

Finally it was noted that Steve had stepped down and the Trustees all expressed their thanks and best wishes to him.

Similarly all the Trustees expressed their sincere thanks to Douglas C for all his work for the Trust over an extended period.

No other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

## **Date of next AGM**

19 June 2018