

Gargunnock Community Trust (DRAFT)
AGM 2016
28 April 2016

Present

Mike Pizey, Stuart Ogg, , Elizabeth Mansion, Edmond Mansion, Douglas Coupethwaite (Chair), Lovat MacGregor, Gilly Bruce, Steve Willet, Geoff Peart, Anne Dando, Ian Gulland

Apologies

Douglas Johnston, Jackie Campbell, Jane Bain., Marilyn Willet

Minutes of Previous AGM

Douglas Coupethwaite asked for a proposer and seconder of the previous AGM minutes. They were proposed by Elizabeth Mansion and seconded by Steve Willet.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous AGM minutes.

Convenor's Report

Douglas Coupethwaite provided the Chair's report.

He noted that it was encouraging to see a steady increase in the use of the Community Centre year on year. Bookings are now coming from outside the village including Stirling Council, Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER and the Carse of Stirling Partnership.

Income in the past financial year was £17,401 up from £15,435. The two offices have been let and overall income is in line with the business plan which helps cover maintenance costs and further improvements.

The garden area and patio have been upgraded, wifi extended throughout the premises and the biomass heating system extended to the drop in centre. This last element has helped save energy and reduce the carbon footprint of the building. In addition, following research and change in supplier electricity cost have been almost halved.

Expenditure totalled £33,733 up from £27,077, the largest amount being on maintenance and repair. It was suggested that the Trust should be committed to arranging an appropriate amount of reserve funds to cover unplanned emergency repairs and related expenditure – probably £25,000 would be an appropriate amount. At present our unrestricted reserves total £17,500. With the anticipated windfarm community benefit monies it should be able to build reserves to match future requirements in the business plan.

Negotiation with the other communities regarding the split of Community Benefit monies has been prolonged. It was expected that there would be a resolution by the end of March, however the developers failed to meet their own deadline. Meantime

Geoff is working on the arrangements for administering the local allocation of the funds, in a fair and consensual way.

The Bite and Blether, organised by Elizabeth and Jane continues to generate a good return. It is to their credit that it raises on average £1,800 per year. The Chair expressed his sincere gratitude for all the effort put into this popular local event.

The Bugle has now reached issue No 42 and is meeting its production costs through advertising, thanks to Jackie.

Day to day operation of the Centre is now helped by the 'diary' being online including the facility to make bookings.

A dedicated cleaner, Margaret, has been appointed who is in once a week but we still depend on Steve to make sure the Centre is in a clean condition between times and to ensure consumables are topped up. Clearly much depends on users cleaning up after themselves, however it should be recognised that we are now running a business and need to make the appropriate arrangements.

Regarding the community land at the bottom of the Glebe, the Chair intimated that the GDVIA representatives had finally agreed, earlier this year that they would transfer the title to the Trust and legal proceedings had started to facilitate this. There had been some delays with the transfer due to changes in the GDVIA solicitor.

A round of consultations with the village will be required to consider options for the use of the land to reach agreement as to how it should be used.

In rounding up, the Chair explained that the Trust was not just about the Community Centre. A number of other projects that would benefit the village and/or its residents have been identified. Some have not been progressed, due to the shortage of other volunteers to take them forward. We need to be proactive in identifying and engaging others who are willing to help. With this in mind we should consider setting up Friends of the Community Trust.

The Trust is in a sound financial position and looks forward to providing more benefit to the community. Finally, he thanked everyone who has played a part over the last year.

Company Secretary Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Copy of balance sheet will be attached to the minutes.

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. It was noted that existing directors, other than Marilyn were happy to serve for a further year. Elizabeth proposed Lovat as a new director and he was seconded by Ian.

Geoff took the Chair and 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:

Douglas Coupethwaite - Chair of the Trust
Douglas Johnston – Treasurer
Jane Bain – Company Secretary
Stuart Ogg - Administrative Secretary

Meeting with Community Centre Users 9 June 2016.

It was greed that it was important to keep a focus on the users of the centre. A note would be circulated explaining that it was important that we hear from them.

AOB

No other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Date of next meeting

To be confirmed