

Westmuir Community Development Trust

Minutes of the fourteenth Annual General Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 5th February 2019 in Westmuir Village Hall.

Apologies were received from Ann Warren, Mark Bennet, Christina Cobb

1. Report and Accounts

Jim Miller welcomed members to the meeting, thanking them for attending on an evening of inclement weather.

Jim gave members a review of activities in the Community Woodland Park and thanked all the volunteers who had undertaken maintenance work during the review period. He particularly thanked the grass cutting team for their efforts. Jim also advised the meeting that the Kirriemuir Rotary had provided 53 trees of various types that had been planted and staked by the volunteers.

Given that Jim was demitting office as Chairman of the Trust at this AGM, he asked Ian Cobb to continue with the rest of the report and accounts.

Before doing this, Ian noted the tremendous amount that Jim had done for the Trust and the village during his many years as Chairman. Jim has been a leading light in the village for a long time and the Trust is very grateful for his efforts and is delighted that Jim will be remaining as a director of the Trust. The meeting gave Jim a rousing round of applause.

Ian noted the work done by Brian Forsyth in managing and maintaining our website and thanked him on the Trust's behalf for his continuing support with the website.

Ian then gave an overview of the annual accounts noting that our funds are in a good state.

The approval of the annual report and accounts was proposed by Jim and seconded by Ian. The members unanimously approved the motion.

2. Election of Directors

Under the provisions of Article 45(b), Brian Forsyth, Andrew McParland and Gary Sinclair retire at this Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, Andrew McParland and Gary Sinclair offer themselves for re-election. Andrew was proposed by Gary Sinclair and seconded by Derek Smith; Gary was proposed by Lynda Grant and seconded by Jim Miller. These proposals were accepted unanimously.

Brian confirmed that he did not wish to seek re-election. The Trust thanked him for his contributions over the years, particularly with the website and were grateful that he will continue to support the Trust in this way.

Philip Ross advised that he wished to be considered for election to the board. A motion for his election was proposed by Jim Miller and seconded by Helen Humphreys. The motion was carried unanimously and Philip was welcomed to the board.

Subsequent to the AGM, under the provisions of Articles 48 and 50, the Directors re-appointed Lord Colyton as a director.

3. Other business

The meeting was advised about a **defibrillator group** which had been started by three women in the village. The intention is that a defibrillator will be installed in the village. Helen Humphreys has joined this group to lead the project, with Jim Miller and Lynda Grant also lending their support. A fund raising event organised by the Hall Association raised more than £300 for the project. The group were delighted to receive a very generous donation of £1500 from village resident Mary Walkden.

The intention is to install the equipment in the redundant phone box beside the village shop. The box has been taken over by the Community Heartbeat Trust from BT. Helen is progressing the project with Jennifer Anderson of Angus Council who is providing guidance on technical and funding matters.

Jim updated the meeting regarding the **apparently abandoned cars** in the hall car park. He has been put in touch with a senior police officer and is hopeful of action being taken soon.

Jim also advised that a village resident who had taken it upon themselves to **chop down and cut up some tree branches** near the Park entrance had been spoken to and asked to stop this activity. The Trust's policy on this is that if any trees or branches fall down, they are to be left in situ unless they cause problems for Park users.

The meeting formally closed at 8:10pm after which tea/coffee and biscuits were taken.