

Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)

AGM

7.30 pm, 16th February 2017

Lesser Hall, New Galloway Town Hall

Minutes of Meeting

1. Present:

Ray Bridgeman, Ann Glaister, Bob Glaister, David Hardy, Debbie Hardy, John Barker, Don Rowson, Janette Davidson, Geoff Davidson, Sheila Dressler, Finlay Porter, Ros Hill, Gordon Hill, Andrew Frew, Patrick Holmes, John Mc Cubbing, Jane McQueen, Stuart Littlewood, Gerry Cinderby, Sandra Mitchell, Mike Brown, Craig Millar, Sue Vest

Sue Vest (Community Link Worker) and Sandra Mitchell (Senior Social Worker) were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence received from

Joan Berkley, Helen Keron, Maureen Scott, Tom Carlisle, Janet Carlisle.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 3rd November 2015

Received. Approved by Ray Bridgeman, seconded by Ann Glaister.

4. Introduction of committee members

The existing committee members were introduced. Ros Hill (Chair), Craig Millar (Vice-chair), Bob Glaister (Treasurer), Ann Glaister (Secretary), Ray Bridgeman, (and, not present, Joan Berkley). It was explained that Bob Glaister and Joan Berkley had been co-opted onto the committee following the previous AGM.

5. Chair's Report

Ros Hill talked through the Annual Report which had been distributed. She described the achievements of the past year, the events taking place in the Town Hall, the funding bids currently in train, the importance of connecting with other New Galloway enterprises, and LING's immediate and longer term plans. The success of the Galloway Glens Project Funding Bid to restore paths in and around New Galloway as well as the walled garden at the Garroch estate was outlined. There was some discussion and suggestions were made, in particular about finding volunteers to engage with projects. Further fundraising suggestions included holding a silent auction and seeking sponsorship.

6. Financial Report

Bob Glaister outlined the financial position, drawing people's attention to the summary accounts sheet they had received and the summary in the Annual Report. In summary, LING ended the year with a positive balance of nearly £3000 and it does appear that basic costs

are being covered. The position is somewhat inflated, however, by the receipt of a contribution of £1000 from the Gala Committee (now disbanded) and by a full oil tank topped up by Dumfries and Galloway Council.

The proposal to establish 'Friends of New Galloway Town Hall' was introduced as a way of providing a small but regular income stream to support the Town Hall. People were encouraged to complete the form provided if they were interested in receiving further information about this. He pointed out that the refreshments provided had been a donation rather than coming out of funds!

7. Resignation of existing committee and election of new committee

It was explained that the constitution required the existing committee members to resign at the AGM and a new committee to be elected. Officers would be subsequently elected by the committee members. The members thereby resigned. Nominations or volunteers were invited.

The question was asked as to whether the outgoing members were eligible to stand again in the terms of the constitution and whether any were willing. As members were both eligible and willing, it was suggested and agreed that all should be re-elected. This was seconded. No other volunteers were forthcoming.

8. Close of Formal Meeting

The formal meeting was closed but was followed by time to enjoy the refreshments provided. Conversations continued for quite some time afterwards.