

Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) Number SCO47553

AGM

7.00 pm, Thursday 15th February 2018

Lesser Hall, The Town Hall, High Street, New Galloway

Minutes

1. Welcome: All attendees were welcomed by Ros Hill.

i) Those present were: Helen Keron, Jane, McQueen, Heather McIntosh, John Barker, Terry Logan, Avril Bridgeman, Gerry Cinderby, Gordon Hill, Debbie Hardy, David Hardy, Sharon Fishwick, Jean Marsden, Mary Carlin, Sue Vest (NHS attendee), Geoff Davidson, Janette Davidson, Tom Carlyle, Janet Carlyle, Lois Aitkenhead, Joan Walker, Ros Hill, Craig Millar, Ray Bridgeman, Bob Glaister, Ann Glaister

ii) Apologies were received from: Christine Rankin, John Crallon, Marion Briggs, David Briggs, Audrey Grieve, David Grieve, Debbie Daly, Mark Daly, David Bartholomew

iii) Committee members were introduced: Ros Hill – chairman; Craig Millar – Deputy Chair; Bob Glaister – Treasurer; Ann Glaister – Secretary; Ray Bridgeman – trustee.

2. Explanation of Membership: Ann Glaister explained that the LING constitution requires a membership. Members are entitled to stand for election to the committee and to vote. Membership also provides evidence of support in making a case to potential funders. All those present were encouraged to complete membership application forms and did so.

3. Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes were proposed as an accurate reflection of the previous year's AGM by Gordon Hill, seconded by John Barker.

4. Annual Report: A copy of the Annual Report was made available to everyone and Ros Hill gave a verbal account of the past year and future plans.

Sue Vest was invited to provide further information about the 'Ask the Experts' report and the further developments that were occurring as a result.

The installation of broadband in the Town Hall was particularly welcomed and was seen as quite unusual, and beneficial.

Gerry Cinderby was asked to talk about the Galloway Glens Partnership and the plans and scope of this venture.

There was some discussion of the issues relating to Asset Transfer and it was explained that LING planned to make an initial indication of interest – Stage 1 – which would then enable detailed explorations of viability to be embarked upon, with funding being sought to support this process. It was pointed out that as Asset Transfer involved a transfer of liability, it might be reasonable to explore whether a financial settlement, from D&G Council to LING, might be part of the deal to enable us to take it over.

5. Financial Report: A draft of Income and Expenditure for the year was available, currently with the Independent Examiner. Bob Glaister talked through some of the details and issues. A surplus of £400, not as great as last year, was explained. Last year's surplus of nearly £3000 would still be showing in our accounts. LING Lunches do not quite break even, but it was agreed that these are of considerable benefit

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to the community and an important feature of LING's purposes. The comment was made that the accounts showed an impressive ability to remain in the black despite this being a year with very little grant income.

6. Approval of Constitution: The Treasurer introduced the revised constitution, approved by the committee on 13th July 2017. It was noted that the original LING constitution of December 2008 was a sound starter document. Changes were needed to meet SCIO requirements and to take account of other developments in the intervening period, for example, concerning money laundering and data protection, but there was, however, little change of substance. With the following five amendments agreed at the meeting and the subsequent necessary renumbering of clauses, the constitution was approved nem con.

Clause 14 (of the revised constitution): Add "but not on the basis of excepted characteristic".

Clause 30: Add "or by proxy".

Clause 36: Delete "all".

Clause 70: Delete clause 70 because it is a repeat of clause 68.

Clause 83: Add "and a printed copy of the email authorisation shall be held in the records".

7. Resignation of existing committee and election of new committee/trustees: The existing members of the committee resigned and were thanked for their work. They were then re-proposed for election by Janette Davidson, seconded by Terry Logan. Some further nominations were made. Debbie and David Hardy were nominated by Ros Hill and seconded by Janette Davidson. Eleanor Wilson was nominated by Ros Hill and seconded by Avril Bridgeman. Debbie Daly was nominated by Ros Hill and seconded by Helen Keron. Shona McKenna was nominated by Ros Hill and seconded by Jean Marsden (*). Although the election of officers occurs subsequently, Bob Glaister indicated that he would not plan to stand as Treasurer for much longer and would hope to hand over to someone else in the course of the next year.

(*) The nomination of Shona McKenna turned out to have been based on a misunderstanding, as she had not intended her name to be put forward on this occasion.

---- Close of formal business ----

Presentation of cheques:

Donations to Kells School and to New Galloway Cubs and Beavers had been collected at the Celebratory Christmas Concert on 3rd December 2017, and cheques for £100 each were presented by Joan Walker to Heather McIntosh for the cubs and beavers and to Helen Keron for the school.

'Friends' £50 draw:

This was the second £50 draw of the year and the winner was drawn by Sue Vest. Bob Glaister duly presented the winner, Gerry Cinderby, with his £50 note.

Unveiling of painting - 'New Galloway' by Adam Bruce Thomson (Copyright Property of National Galleries of Scotland):

We moved to the Upper Hall, where Heather McIntosh did the honours by unveiling the new painting, a framed print kindly donated to LING by Elizabeth and William Johnstone.