

# Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) Number SC047553

## Minutes of AGM

7.00 pm, Thursday 28th March 2022

1. **Welcome:** All attendees were welcomed by Mary Smith, as the new Chair of LING, and minute's silence was held in memory of Sheila Dressler.
  - i) **Those present were:** Lois Aitkenhead , Avril Bridgeman, Ray Bridgeman, Gerald Cinderby, Janette Davidson, Ann Glaister, Bob Glaister, John Crallen, David Hardy, Debbie Hardy, Gordon Hill, Ros Hill, Helen Keron, Melinda McGaw, Jake McGaw, Vicky Geer, Catrin Johnes, John Johnes, John Nimmo, Teri O'Loughlin, Neil Paterson, Christine Rankin, Maitland Rankin, Kath Ryan, Glynne Shackleton, Alan Smith, Fiona Smith, Mary Smith.
  - ii) **Apologies were received from** Janet Carlyle, Tom Carlyle, Lynn Gallacher.
  - iii) **Proxies(and apologies) notified in advance for:** **Andy Pearson, John Barker, Lynne Barker, Joan Walker, Jane McQueen, Peter Andrews, Alison Davies, Mike Brown, Audrey Grieve, Ian Oliver, Fiona Oliver, Sue Curtis, Susheila Turgoose, Ashley Turgoose, Nicky Cruickshank, Eddie Cruickshank, Ann Maxwell, Sue Dunston, Barbara Barker, Roger Bardsley, Eleanor Bardsley, Poppy Gilbert .**
  - iv) **Board members were introduced:** Mary Smith – Chair; Bob Glaister – Treasurer; Ann Glaister – Secretary; Glynne Shackleton – Vice-Chair; Ros Hill – Trustee; David Hardy – Trustee; Lynn Gallacher and the recently co-opted members, Poppy Gilbert and Sue Dunstan (the latter three not able to be present).
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes were proposed as an accurate reflection of the previous year's AGM by Helen Keron, seconded by Melinda McGaw. Agreed.
3. **Changes to the Constitution:** Changes to the Constitution were proposed by Bob Glaister
  - i) to comply with a funding body requirement that a Board meeting quorum of 3 should not include trustees related to each other. It was noted that the precise wording had been amended in the light of input from Sheila Dressler. The revised wording of clause 71 now read:  
*No business shall be dealt with at a meeting of the Board unless a quorum is present; the quorum for meetings of the Board shall be 3 of whom none of the three shall be partners or related to each other.*The amendment was unanimously accepted by those present.
4. **Annual Report:** The Annual Report for 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 was received. The secretary outlined what a confusing year it had been with Covid outbreaks casting continued uncertainties over how far to open up premises and events. Highlights had been the 'Welcome Back weekend in June 2021, the opening up of the Link Path, the provision of home-delivered Lockdown Lunches and the Wine and Cheese Event in September.

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A major symbolic achievement had been the creation of the new Community Kitchen. Then, just sneaking in at the last minute, came the appointment of our Events manager, Neil Paterson, and the award of the £175,000 Community Ownership Fund grant. Subsequent developments have included the successful bidding for a grant for an Events, Activities and Inclusion manager. This is funding from the Scottish Government's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. Also noteworthy has been successful fundraising, (grant bids and Crowdfunder and local fundraising) towards matched funding for the COF bid. So far, we have raised £80K, but more is anticipated.

- 5. Financial Report:** The treasurer introduced the income and expenditure account for 2020-21, and thanked Maitland Rankin for continuing as our external examiner of accounts on a voluntary basis. He reported that our income is remarkably strong because of our gaining several grants from Dumfries and Galloway, but equally our expenditure is high because we have spent much of that on the redevelopment of the kitchen and toilets.

Although we show a deficit for the year, we have a healthy balance to carry over. He listed the grants which had been gained.

Asset transfer is progressing, with the process now sitting with the Sheriff Court awaiting the lifting of the inalienability of the common good status.

**7. Resignation of existing committee and election of new committee/trustees:** It was noted that Jude Crooks had resigned as a trustee, due to pressures of other work. Otherwise, the resigning committee were willing to stand for re-election. Ros Hill, David Hardy, Bob Glaister, Ann Glaister, Glynne Shackleton, Lynn Gallacher, Mary Smith, Poppy Gilbert and Sue Dunstan were proposed for re-election en bloc by Gerry Cinderby and seconded by Christine Rankin. They were duly elected. There were no further nominations.

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

In the context of Ros' stepping down as Chair of LING after so many years, some words of appreciation of her very significant contribution were spoken by Helen Keron and by Bob Glaister and a floral tribute was presented by Mary Smith.

**'Friends' £50 draw:** The winner of the draw was Maitland Rankin.