

Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC047553

Board Meeting

New Galloway Town Hall

7.30 pm Monday 28th February 2022

Minutes

1. **Present:** Ros Hill, Glynne Shackleton, Ann Glaister, Bob Glaister, Susan Dunstan, with Mary Smith and Poppy Gilbert present on Zoom
2. **Apologies for absence:** Lynn Gallacher, David Hardy, Neil Paterson
3. **Minutes of meeting on 4th February:** These were considered and approved.
4. **Matters arising:** In relation to funding issues, the Board were notified that we had now
 - i) secured a grant offer of £10,000 from the Architectural Heritage Foundation for the appointment of a Project Officer to oversee the renovations.
 - ii) We had also, despite having heard initially that we had failed, been awarded a grant of £39,400 from the Scottish Government's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for a project entitled People, Places and Outdoor Spaces. This will enable us to appoint an Events and Inclusion Manager for two years half-time.
 - iii) Our Crowdfunder appeal had made its target of £5000
 - iv) Additional donations and fundraising (including £800 from Saturday) had not yet been totalled but must be quite significant.
5. **Approval of new members:** Eight further applications for membership of LING were approved and will be added to our membership data-base. Five more people had signed up as Friends.
6. **Co-option of new Trustees:** As the AGM had been postponed, it was agreed that the two prospective trustees should be co-opted by the Board. The co-option of Susan Dunstan was proposed by Ann Glaister, and seconded by Glynne Shackleton; the co-option of Poppy Gilbert was proposed by Mary Smith and seconded by Bob Glaister. (In fact, all were universally welcomed and approved, so it was hard to discern who precisely proposed and seconded!)

Under this item, it was also noted with regret that Jude Crooks had resigned from the Board feeling she was unable to commit sufficient time to the role. She will be missed and her contribution had been greatly appreciated.
7. **Chairmanship:**
 - i) Ros Hill confirmed her decision to step down from her chairing role, but also agreed that she would remain as a trustee. It was noted that her contribution had been the basis of LING's success over many years and that due mention would be made at the postponed AGM.

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ii) Mary Smith was proposed as the new Chair by Ros Hill and this was seconded by Glynne Shackleton (and everyone else!). At this point, Mary took over the chairing of the meeting.

8. Induction and Mentoring: To support the new trustees, it was agreed that an induction session would be offered by Mary, Bob and Ann. Mentoring would be available for Susan from Ros primarily, with Glynne as a second option. (When Lynn is more available, she may be asked to replace Glynne). Poppy would be mentored by Bob and Ann.

It was agreed that later in the year we might look for a chance for the whole Board to have a 'training' session of the role of trustees.

9. Date of next meeting: In order to accommodate a postponed AGM now to be scheduled for Monday 28th March, it was agreed to bring the Board meeting forward to Friday 25th March at 7.30pm. This would be held by Zoom or in person or as a hybrid – to be decided. It was noted that this would be a significant meeting in terms of clarifying where we stood on our fund-raising efforts by the deadline of the end of March.

10. AOB: The nature of the rescheduled AGM was discussed, acknowledging the very shocking and sad circumstances that led to the postponement. In light of the fact that Sheila Dressler had brought to the AGM a suggested modification of the wording for our proposed amendment to the Constitution, it was agreed that our wording should be appropriately adjusted to accommodate that suggestion.

It was further agreed that flowers and cards should be given by LING, with thanks for their prompt actions, to Christine Rankin and Lynne Grieve, and, with sympathy, to Rex Dressler.

It was noted that it had been suggested that we should pursue the positioning of a defibrillator in or near the Town Hall and it was agreed that this should be done and that it would be raised in the first instance with Stewartry Public Health in the context of our recent meeting with them.