

**ROYAL BURGH of WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, WIGTOWN,
ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2013**

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PRESENT		
Andrew Wilson	Nick Walker, <i>Convenor</i>	Betty McGowan
Willie McCartney	Howard Steele	David McAdam
John McDowall	David Moran	

IN ATTENDANCE		
Cllr Jim McColm	Alison Hannah, <i>Police</i>	Mike Morley
Lynn Morley	June Robinson, <i>Mins Sec.</i>	

APOLOGIES		
Fraser Wilson, <i>Free Press</i> Cllr Alistair Geddes	Ian Macdonald Cllr Graham Nicol	Andy Farrington

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Nick Walker welcomed all to the meeting, and noted apologies.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (14th MAY 2012)

Minutes were adopted: prop. W McCartney, sec. J McDowall.

3 CONVENOR'S REPORT

The Convenor read his report for the year (copy attached).

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer tabled copies of the Independently Examined accounts for the year to 31.3.2013. He thanked Ray McGinn for again verifying the accounts. A gift for a notional sum was agreed.

Discussion about the accounts revealed that payment had been made to PIRSAC for their attendance as safety boat at the 2012 Wigtown Community Festival raft race; poor communication between various people organising events was noted to contribute to such anomalies, and on Betty McGowan's proposal it was agreed that £100 be donated now, with an apology for the delay. David Moran will check first if raft race organiser Anne Barclay paid PIRSAC directly. David also indicated that the account for 2012 Community Festival engraving from Briars Engravers remains outstanding but he is pursuing it.

The increasing costs for administering the Comm. Council were noted (DPA registration, website, etc.) despite reducing some costs (such as emailing most minutes and hand delivering the rest to avoid high postage costs). The admin. grant from D&GC has not increased. Cllr McColm is to enquire as to when the grant will be paid this year.

The accounts were adopted: prop. A Wilson; sec. B McGowan.

5 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS (Cllr McColm in chair)

Jock McDowall proposed, and David McAdam seconded, a resolution to re-elect current office bearers as all were willing to continue in post. Therefore: Convenor – Nick Walker; Vice Convenor – Willie McCartney; Secretary – Andrew Wilson; Treasurer David Moran were elected. June Robinson agreed to continue as Minutes Secretary.

6 APPOINTMENT TO OTHER POSTS (Nick Walker resumed chair)

The convenor suggested those involved as representatives be re-affirmed as at present. These are:-

Wigtown Area Committee – W McCartney, H Steele.

Wigtown Common Good Fund – Convenor, Vice Convenor (ex officio, co-opted by D&GC).

Machars Action Board – Nominee: W McCartney, Depute: A Farrington.

Wigtown Bay Local Nature Reserve Committee – Rep. J McDowall, Depute A Farrington.

This was agreed by all.

7 OTHER AGM BUSINESS

There are limited funds in the Community Response Account, and previous discussion suggested that flasks used for events and to support residents in power cuts, etc. need replacement. It was resolved that Betty McGowan arrange purchase of new flasks up to value of £50.

8 AGM PRESENTATION – WIGTOWN WAR MEMORIAL RESEARCH

Mike Morley gave an interesting talk on his research of the individuals named on the War Memorial as having died in World War I. A discussion followed as to how to move forward with the information.

Various suggestions were made including the following:

- Resource to be used when commemorating WW1.
- Possible guided walk.
- Put in local newspaper.
- Possibility of a book.
- Liaise with local schools.
- Possibility of bringing Louis McGuffie's VC back to Wigtown for exhibition.

A session for Mike Morley at the Smiddy is to be organised with the intention of gathering more information. It was noted a Role of Honour already exists in the church. Cllr J McColm is to bring to the attention of D&GC that the memorial is in need of repair and to pursue an inspection by them to assess what work needs done, with the possibility of an application to the First Minister's war memorial restoration fund. **ACTION Cllr J McCOLM.**

9 NEXT MEETING

Business meeting to follow AGM.

Next AGM May 2014.