

ROYAL BURGH of WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, WIGTOWN,

ON MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2020



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PRESENT

Sandra McDowall *Convenor*

Willie McCartney

Jak Kane *Secretary*

Kathleen Hart

Kerr Inger

Ada Montgomery

David Moran

David McAdam

Robin Richmond

Cora Sharp

Paul Tarling

Nick Walker

Kevin Witt

APOLOGIES

Jock McDowall

Cllr J McCamon

Cllr J McColm

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Sandra McDowall welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies from Jock McDowall.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM (10 June 2019)

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated and were adopted: proposed by David Moran and seconded by Willie McCartney.

3 CONVENOR'S REPORT

Sandra McDowall had circulated her report prior to the meeting (see Appendix A) and it was agreed that there was no need for further presentation.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS

Jak Kane had circulated a copy of the Annual Accounts to 31 March 2020 prior to the meeting. Rae McGinn had independently examined the accounts and he had confirmed that they were in order. The closing balances of the various funds at the end of the financial year were:

Administration	£1,690.14	Summer Festival	£ 2,316.87
Resilience	1,023.12	Christmas Festival	2,272.85
		McGuffie VC	<u>5,948.42</u>
Total	<u>£2,713.26</u>	Total	<u>£10,538.14</u>

The accounts as presented were approved and adopted by the meeting, proposed by David Moran, seconded by Willie McCartney.

5 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2018-2019

The following office bearers were elected unopposed.

Convenor – Sandra McDowall: proposed by Nick Walker, seconded by David Moran. No other nominations.

Vice Convenor - Willie McCartney: proposed by David Moran, seconded by Jak Kane. No other nominations.

Secretary - Jak Kane: proposed by Sandra McDowall, seconded by Cora Sharp. No other nominations.

Treasurer – Kevin Witt: proposed by Jak Kane seconded by Sandra McDowall. No other nominations.

6 APPOINTMENT OF OTHER ROLES

The Community Council agreed the following appointments:

Minutes Secretary – Jak Kane agreed to continue to carry out these duties pro tem in his capacity as Secretary but would also continue to advertise the post.

Planning Working Party - Nick Walker, Sandra McDowall, Willie McCartney, Robin Richmond, Kerr Inger, Kathleen Hart, Ada Montgomery, Paul Tarling.

Consultations Working Party - Jak Kane, Sandra McDowall, Paul Tarling, Kathleen Hart.

Resilience Working Party – Sandra McDowall, Cora Sharp, Jak Kane, Paul Tarling, Kathleen Hart.

Town Centre Development Working Party – Sandra McDowall, Nick Walker, Willie McCartney, David Moran, Cora Sharp, Jak Kane

Machars Action Board Delegate – Willie McCartney.

Wigtown & Bladnoch Community Initiative Board Delegate – Jak Kane

Wigtown Bay LNR Committee Delegate - Jock McDowall, Jak Kane.

Common Good Fund Sub-Committee – Sandra McDowall, Willie McCartney.

Licensing Forum - Willie McCartney.

Community Councils Federation - Nick Walker, Robin Richmond.

7 OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was no other competent business.

The next Annual General Meeting would be scheduled for June 2021 in accordance with the Community Council's constitution

APPENDIX A: Convenor's Report

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CONVENOR'S REPORT - AGM 8 June 2020

We have come to the end of another productive year and, as we can no longer meet physically and probably won't be able to do so for some time, we have subscribed to Zoom so that we can meet virtually to deal with routine business. We had an election in October that saw some new members elected on to Community Council and, since then, have launched a Newsletter, keeping the community updated on issues discussed at our meetings and inviting feedback; it has been very well received.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone on the Working Party and the many volunteers who helped run the events, another very successful Community Festival was held in July. Thanks too, to those who erected the Christmas lights and to those who helped make the Switch-On such a successful community event. The Town Square Development Working Party is making some progress towards a new more flexible lighting scheme in the Square but the planned work to underground cables in North Main Street has been delayed. SPEN do not have a start date as yet but have agreed to provide us with a 3-phase supply which, coupled with the proposed new lighting scheme, should make it easier in the future.

We had no success in our efforts to get Dumfries and Galloway Council to reconsider their planned alterations to Wigtown Primary School. Work went ahead to provide a larger nursery space and reduce the size and number of the classrooms, capping the school at 100. Unfortunately, no work was done at the time to improve accessibility.

During the year, we submitted responses to various consultations, including the Council's Budget Options, 2020/21 and the Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore wind Energy. Many thanks to our Secretary, Jak Kane, for submitting responses on our behalf and for keeping such detailed records of our financial position. Thanks, too, to the Convener of the Planning Working Party, Nick Walker, who continues to provide us with monthly reports to enable us to comment on individual applications and to our representatives on the WBLNR and the Federation of Community Councils for keeping us apprised of their meetings.

When the consequences of lockdown became apparent a Resilience Group was formed, consisting of Sandra McDowall, Jak Kane, Cora Sharp and Anne Barclay. A Facebook page was launched and almost 100 volunteers were recruited to offer assistance where necessary. The volunteers now shop for 100 residents and deliver over 40 prescriptions on a weekly basis in the Community Council area of Wigtown, Bladnoch, Kirkinner and Whauphill. As it is Volunteers' Week from 1-8 June, a Community Council thank-you card has been designed and sent to all the volunteers, expressing the gratitude of the residents at this time.

In conclusion, thanks are due to the Community Police for their monthly reports, to our Dumfries and Galloway Councillors for their input at our meetings and to all Community Councillors for their support during my 3rd year as Convener.

Sandra McDowall
Convener