

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 12th January at 5pm.

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr D McHale

Mr I Swan

Mr D Collins

Cllr P Drysdale

Attendance: Ms Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Mr P Smith

Mr Brian Thomson (Vice Chair)

Cllr J Maitland

Cllr Campbell

Minutes of the December 2020 AGM.

Proposed by Mr Forbes and seconded by Mr Collins.

Business arising

There were no matters arising.

Convener's address

Mrs Garbutt circulated a copy ahead of the meeting. The copy was as follows:

For those of you who religiously read reports, can I warn you that this is very similar to last year's effort. For the second time in my tenure of office, there is really not a great deal to report.

As for the rest of the world the strangeness continued into this year for Kirkcudbright Community Council (KCC). Most of the events that normally make up the programme of the year were cancelled due to Covid 19 and we continued to operate through the wonder of Zoom.

I would again take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped and supported the community through this difficult time. With assistance from Dumfries and Galloway Council, we continued to support the Community Resilience Plan. The group of volunteers who came together at the beginning of the pandemic, came together again (and are on standby to do so yet again) providing invaluable support and helping vulnerable people in our community.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions, the Citizen of the Year Award was again not organised this year, but I would hope that we can address that at the earliest opportunity.

The KCC has continued to work, albeit remotely, with other community groups. The Kirkcudbright Development Trust has also been supporting the Covid 19 volunteers.

The Johnston School Project has now been completed and The Johnston has taken its place in our community. It now houses The Johnston Nursery, The Wee Pottery and The Kirkcudbright Youth Project, along with the KDT office and the Stewarty Council Of Voluntary Service. Also, highly successful, the award-winning Dark Arts Gin Distillery and The Dark Skies Exhibition Centre and Planetarium.

On behalf of the Community Council, I did attend an unusually sunny Remembrance Day Parade. Thanks are due to Ian Swan for coordinating this.

Along with Ian Swan, Deacon Convenor of the Haill Six Incorporated Trades of Kirkcudbright, I also attended the Big Pie in Irvine.

We have again been unsuccessful in getting youth representation at our meetings, but I continue to work with the Parent Council at the Academy, in the hope that we encourage more involvement.

Thank you all for your continued support and I hope that we are going to see life getting back to something approaching normal in the not too distant future.

Lesley Garbutt, Convenor.

Everyone thanked Mrs Garbutt for report.

Treasurer's Report

Mr Forbes reported that there had been no changes since his last report in December.

The Burgh Trusts stands at £16,175.54

The Cemetery Appeal Fund stands £10,018.21.

Thanks went to Mr Forbes.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS Councillor Drysdale

It was agreed unanimously that the election of officials would stay as they were

Election of Convenor and Vice Convenor

Convenor – Mrs Garbutt

Vice Convenor – Mr Thomson

Mrs Garbutt resumed the Chair and it was agreed that all remaining posts would stand as they were.

Appointment of Secretary, Treasurer and Minute Secretary

Treasurer – Mr Forbes

Secretary and Minute Secretary – Ms Craig

Appointment of Examiner of Accounts Lesley Fortune.

Appointment of Returning Officer To be decided.

Appointment of Committee Convenors - to remain as they were. All agreed.

Appointment of Representatives to Other Organisations to remain as they were. All agreed.

Any other competent business

It was agreed that some thought be put into the co-opting of members.

There being no other business, Mrs Garbutt thanked everyone for their support and reiterated what a great Community Council and a great community we were part of.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 5.10pm.

