

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at Daar Road, Kirkcudbright at 7pm.

AGENDA

FIRST MEETING of THE ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT & DISTRICT Community Council

On 13 November 2024 at 7.00pm in Council Offices, Daar Road, Kirkcudbright
Returning Officer: Ingrid Gemmell

Please note the Returning Officer will chair the meeting pending the appointment of the Chair.

1. Present and Apologies for Absence. – welcome from returning officer Ingrid Gemmell. IG explained her role and thanked everyone who had come on as a community councillor and expressed her appreciation for the Community Council. It was then established which councillors were present. Brian Thomson, Lesley Garbutt, Lindsay Forbes, DC, PS and IS.

There were no apologies from Councillors.

Also present were: Ian Meechan, Joyce McMillan and John Sharp.

2. Appointment of the Chair – Nominations: BT, DC seconded. LG was appointed.

3. Appointment of the Secretary – Nominations: DC. Bought in services.

4. Appointment of the Treasurer. Nominations BT, PS seconded. LF.

5. Acknowledge and Sign the Amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway as Constitution ([Paragraph 16](#)). - Attached

6. Agree Dates, Times and Locations for Ordinary Meetings of the Community Council and Annual General Meeting. Second Wednesday every month, 6.15pm at The Johnston, Kirkcudbright.

7. Dumfries and Galloway Community Council Overview. This was then read through by IG.

8. Dumfries and Galloway Council Annual Discretionary Grant 2024/2025. This was then explained by IG.

IS and LF then discussed the issues surrounding the Common Good Fund and asked for advice about how to resolve the issue. LG said that the CC feels that they are not being listened to and in her time on the CC, which is several years, she cannot remember a time when it has been as bad regarding communication from the CG Fund. IG agreed that she would go back and raise the issue and it was agreed that a conversation needs to be had. Everyone thanked IG for her time and she left the meeting at 7.30pm.

The remainder of the meeting was Chaired by LG.

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr Brian Thomson (Vice Chair)

Mr I Swan

Mr D Collins

Mr P Smith

Attendance: Ms Debbie Craig

In attendance:

Joyce McMillan –

Ian Meechan Proposed

John Sharpe – Proposed

Minutes of the January 2023 AGM.

These were to be approved at the December meeting.

Business arising

There were no matters arising.

Convener's address

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

Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council

Convenor's Report (13.11.2024)

For those of you who religiously read reports, can I warn you that this is very similar to last year's effort, though more positive as we have tackled, and come through some difficult times.

Thanks to the support of the staff of Kirkcudbright Development Trust and the staff and Trustees of the swimming pool, our Community Swimming Pool is back up and running and I would again take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped and supported the community through this difficult time.

The Johnston continues to establish itself as a real community hub. Housing four successful local businesses, the Summer Festivities Store and The Kirkcudbright Youth Project, along with the KDT office, its community rooms are fully booked with everything from yoga to baby massage classes and everything in between!

On behalf of the Community Council, I again attended an unusually dry Remembrance Day Parade. Thanks are due to Ian Swan for coordinating this.

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

We continue to have issues with our Common Good Fund, but I am hopeful that our questions can be answered, and the issues be resolved as we move into 2025.

Thank you all for your continued support and I hope that we are going to see life moving forward positively in this new year.

Lesley Garbutt, Convenor.

Everyone thanked Mrs Garbutt for report.

Treasurer's Report

This was to be delivered at the December meeting..

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS This had been covered by IG.

Co-option of members: Joyce McMillan – nominated by BT, seconded by PS

Ian Meechan - nominated by BT, seconded by DC

John Sharp - nominated by IS, seconded by DC

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

Appointment of Examiner of Accounts Lesley Fortune.

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

Mrs Garbutt asked that someone attend the SCCN, which are held quarterly.

Appointment of Representatives to Other Organisations to be discussed at the December meeting.

Any other competent business – there was none.

There being no other business, Mrs Garbutt thanked everyone for their support and the AGM ended at 19.30pm .

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Garbutt'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lesley Garbutt

Chair

13th November 2024

