

AUCHENCAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF THE MEETING

held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023 in the Murray Hall Annexe

1. In Attendance & Apologies

Present: John Simpson, Chair (JS); George Makins, Treasurer (GM); Susan Small (SS); Brian Jones (BJ); David Foreman (DF); Emmelence Higgins (EH); Adam Turnbull, Secretary (AT); and Councillor Dougie Campbell (DC).

Apologies: None.

Visitors: Anne Williams (on behalf of the AI) and Lee Paton (on behalf of ACT)

2. **Approval of the Minute of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2023 were accepted as being a true record. Proposed by GM, seconded by SS.

3. **Matters Arising**

The street light beside the bowling green had now been repaired. Other matters arising from the last Minute were covered in the meeting.

4. **D&G Council Matters**

DC reported the changes that have taken place at D&G Council due to the need to agree the budget for the coming period. Council now lead by Conservatives but there is a funding gap of £60m over next five years. Budget focus on support for cost living/roads full details ref meeting on 28th February. All services as normal but councillors on various committees will change. There should still be budget allocation opportunities for grant applications.

5. **Finances**

GM provided a review of income and expenditure since the last meeting. There was currently £14,060.60 in the Murray Hall account and £7,033.11 in the current account. With there being no funding from Robin Rigg, at present ACC was entirely reliant on rent from the Murray Hall lets for income, but the rental income at present did not meet the Hall expenditure and that was likely to remain the case at least in the short term.

6. **Auchencairn Initiative**

The AI's focus remained on keeping the shop viable and the heating system for Heughan House which was reaching the end of its life. The shop was on target to have made a small profit at the end of its financial year, although the AI has a whole will end the year with cash reserves lower than budgeted for due to capital expenditure. Various grant applications were being and potential fund-raising events considered.

The possibility of greater integration between the AI and ACC, so that Councillors were also Directors, was considered given that both organisations required new recruits.

7. Village Matters

a. Flower Show

The Show was being held again this year on 26th August 2023. Historically, the Show had been financed by ACC and that would be the case again this year, but future Shows funding would require further consideration due to limited income.

b. Hall maintenance/clear out/:

SS' efforts in facilitating the hall clear out was noted with thanks. There were still some items left over, although there was a potential home for the piano.

c. Planning:

Nothing to report.

d. Coronation :

It was likely that there would be an event in the Link Park to make use of the BBQ.

e. Well-Being Application and other Grant Funding

Cate Ross' application had not been successful. Future grant funding should be co-ordinated between the village groups to maximise the chances of success.

8. AOCB

JS intimated that he would be leaving the village and so would require to resign from the ACC.

SS would assume responsibility for Murray Hall bookings.

LP reported that the ACT e-bike and community field projects were ongoing.

BJ to liaise with a funding office about them attending a future meeting.

9. Date and time of next meeting

7.00pm on Tuesday 11th April in the Murray Hall.

Meeting finished at 19.05