



Strathdearn Community Council AGM

Minutes of the meeting, held in person and by Zoom, on Tuesday 9 May 2023 at 7.00pm.

Councillors Present:	Present: Carol James/Chair (C)), Bridget Reid/Secretary/(BR)Roy Campbell/Treasurer (RC) /Barbara MacAskill/Minute Secretary (BM)/Diane Buckle, member (DB)James Duncan member (JD)/ Carlie Borthwick, member (CB)
Also Attended by:	4 members of the community

Item Ref	Details	Action By
1.	<u>Apologies</u> No apologies	
2	<u>Minutes of AGM 2022</u> One correction noted on item 2 which gives the year as 2019 instead of 2022.	
3	<u>Chairperson's Annual report</u> C read out the following to the meeting: Last year's meeting, on June 28th, was held in two parts, with one agenda item from the following ordinary CC meeting being taken between them. Despite this unorthodox procedure, business was successfully concluded. It included the co-option of Barbara Mackaskill (Rusty) and the standing down of Lesley Antrobus, who was duly thanked. Since then, there have been further personnel changes. An interim election was held at the beginning of this year when Rusty and James Duncan (Jimmy) were elected. They were welcomed at the February meeting. At that meeting Carlie Borthwick and Diane Buckle were co-opted and welcomed. Business during the year has proved challenging at times. Many aspects of the Paths Project were controversial with angry views expressed both at CC meetings and ones with senior Highland Council employees. A petition was delivered to the CC which was responded to. This situation is still not fully resolved, and Steven Knott (Chair of SCD) and I are hoping to find a way to do so. It is proving difficult. In the autumn, Michael Mackay resigned as snow clearing co-ordinator for Strathdearn. Michael was warmly thanked for his work over the years. After receiving proposals from several specialist companies that proved unacceptable, we were pleased that residents Andrew McDonnell and Jason MacDonald agreed to consider this. After successful negotiations between them, WRT and SCD, and an application to SCCT, they did a really good job during the winter. I am delighted to say they have agreed to do it again next winter. Thank you both. The CC was informed that an upgrade to Soilsean and the Balvraid Road would be carried out under the Timber Transport Scheme, as felling of large areas of Glenkirk Woodland had been approved. The work was carried out during the autumn. The autumn also saw the CC being informed that Tomatin had been proposed as one of five communities in the Highland region to pilot the Quiet Routes scheme. This is intended to improve the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders on single track roads through communities. Since the road through Tomatin is not single track this proposal was dropped. However, recommendation may still be made. Related to this, it has recently been reported that THC will be replacing the 30mph speed limit through the village with a 20mph one. Both these topics have proved controversial. The police no longer attend CC meetings but send a monthly newsletter instead. This mainly cover Inverness, with rural communities hardly being mentioned. This	

	was a topic that featured at the revived Inverness Community Partnership meeting and the subsequent Community Council Forum. These are meetings that encourage communication between Cllrs and organisations such as THC and the Police. We thank Jimmy for attending the meetings on our behalf. The regular business of the CC has carried on with potholes and inappropriate parking outside the Strathdearn being regularly mentioned. Many meetings have discussed and made recommendations about applications to SCCT. We have been pleased to welcome the Chair of SCD to almost all our meetings. We thank George McLeod for his contributions for most of the year and welcomed Stephen Knott at the February meeting. We thank the Highland Councillors who have attended our meetings. They have helped us with procedures, given as advice and commented o many agenda items. One topic that has featured at every meeting is finance. Our Treasurer Roy has coped admirably with a difficult year with the bank account being inaccessible for some time. He quietly went about the process of getting it reinstated and requested more funds from THC .I'm sorry to say Roy is standing down after this AGM. Another member standing down is our hardworking secretary Bridget. She has gone abev and beyond in being helpful and efficient, coping with a wide range of issues both in and out of meetings. Roy and Bridget have both served the community with distinction. We thank them and wish them well for the future.. Rusty has maintained a high standard in taking the minutes and ensuring they are ready to be issued on time. She, Carlie, Diane and Jimmy have all made valuable contribution to the meetings. I thank them all. My final thanks go to all the members of the public who have attended our meetings and contributed to discussion throughout the year. We appreciate your involvement. Thank You. Carol (Chair of SCC)																																							
4	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> RC read out the following report to the meeting <table><tr><th>Year to 31/03/2022</th><th>Year to 31/03/22</th></tr><tr><td>Opening Balance</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>£479.42</td><td>£506.94</td></tr><tr><td>INCOME:</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Newsletter subscriptions £94.00</td><td>£80.00</td></tr><tr><td>Highland Council Funding..... £480.36</td><td>£704.68</td></tr><tr><td>Advertising/Newsletter.....£10.00</td><td>£50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Photocopier refund £0.00</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rebate.....£0.00</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total £610.36</td><td>£808.68</td></tr><tr><td>EXPENDITURE</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Secretary Honorarium £0.00</td><td>£250.00</td></tr><tr><td>Secretarial Costs £275.00</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Insurance £84.00</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rent £617.04</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Christmas Tree Lights £0.00</td><td>£150.00</td></tr><tr><td>Newsletter Costs £95.10</td><td>£237.88</td></tr><tr><td>Total.....£479.42</td><td>£1071.14</td></tr><tr><td>CLOSING BALANCE AT 31st March £216.96</td><td>£479.42</td></tr></table> Accounts were prepared by RC and independently examined by Lianne Brunton on 1 May 2023. RC clarifying that there were no rental costs in 2022, due to COVID as all meetings were held via Zoom. RC further remarked that SCD agreeing to trial 6 meetings free rent this year will really help, along with SCCT agreeing to cover the cost of Christmas tree lights and the rise this year in Highland Council Funding.	Year to 31/03/2022	Year to 31/03/22	Opening Balance		£479.42	£506.94	INCOME:		Newsletter subscriptions £94.00	£80.00	Highland Council Funding..... £480.36	£704.68	Advertising/Newsletter.....£10.00	£50.00	Photocopier refund £0.00	£0.00	Rebate.....£0.00	£0.00	Total £610.36	£808.68	EXPENDITURE		Secretary Honorarium £0.00	£250.00	Secretarial Costs £275.00	£0.00	Insurance £84.00	£0.00	Rent £617.04	£0.00	Christmas Tree Lights £0.00	£150.00	Newsletter Costs £95.10	£237.88	Total.....£479.42	£1071.14	CLOSING BALANCE AT 31st March £216.96	£479.42	
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5	<u>Nomination of Office Bearers</u> Cllr Ken Gowans took the chair for the appointment of Office Bearers. BM nominated CJ to continue as Chair and this was seconded by DB. CJ accepted. BR nominated BM as secretary, and this was seconded by RC. BM accepted. CB nominated DB as Treasurer, and this was seconded by CJ. DB accepted. Outlined as follows: Chair/ Carol James Secretary/Minute Secretary/ Barbara MacAskill Treasurer/Diane Buckle Carlie Borthwick/Member James Duncan/Member	
6	<u>Close of Meeting</u> BR addressed the meeting by saying what a fabulous job CJ has done as it has been a difficult year with a lot of work and whilst CJ has put in her report, there is not an opportunity for the Community Councilors and members of the public to thank CJ for all she has done. This was met with applause by the meeting	