

## **Whitehills and District Community Council**

### **Annual General Meeting**

held Thursday 18th May 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Whitehills Library.

**Present:** Ross Balharry (Chairman), Anne Balharry, Robert Mackie, Stuart Ironside, Duncan Leece, Chas Findlay, Alistair Wiseman, Bill Bain, Mick Moloney, Alan Stewart and Mattie Verster.

**Also attending:** Cllr John Cox, Cllr Mike Roy, Cllr Dr Glen Reynolds, Jan Emery as well as residents of Ladysbridge David Richard-Jones and Gary MacBeath.

**Minutes of the last AGM held 19 May 2016**, were approved as correct, proposed by Bill and seconded by Alan.

#### **Chairman's Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017:**

Having sent out his report to everyone in advance, Ross highlighted the various activities undertaken and achievements seen throughout the past financial year. Ross thanked the various office bearers for the many tasks done and for the willingness to participate.

A major exercise completed this year was the now well-used Annie's Wood pathway from the village up to the crossroads and consideration may be given for a possible future project to take the pathway further towards Ladysbridge Village.

Later this year it is intended to create a new Action Plan organised and developed by Banffshire Partnership on our behalf. Duncan will arrange an open meeting in the winter in St Brandon's, Whitehills, for the general public to bring ideas for improvements in the local area.

It has been quite rewarding to have been able to assist a number of local projects through the Boyndie Wind Farm Community Fund throughout the year to the extent of £28,735. This is in excess of our income but they have been big projects.

The meeting agreed it has been an excellent year and look forward to continuing in the same vein through 2017/2018. Ross was thanked for all his report, hard work and leadership as chairman. (The Chairman's report and minutes of our meetings are posted in our Notice Board in Loch Lane.)

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Anne distributed copies of the full accounts, and confirmed that they would be submitted to Aberdeenshire Council on time, for scrutiny and recording.

Anne briefly went through the accounts. Income included the Initiative Fund toward the cost of the new path, the annual Council Grant and gift from Seafield Estate. The larger expenses were for the repair and maintenance of the Redwell and payment for two flags and less doggy bags.

The Community Council's finances remained sound, and at the end of its financial year, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017, the organisation had balances of £77989.70 in its working current account, and £31581.03 in its gift account.

Anne was thanked for a great job done and not always an easy one. Well done.

#### **Election of office bearers:**

Ross handed the Chair over to Cllr John Cox who took nominations for the office bearers. There were no further nominations and all posts were filled by unanimous consent.

Chairman – Ross Balharry. Vice-chairman – Duncan Leece.

Treasurer – Anne Balharry. Minutes Secretary – Mattie Verster.

On behalf of the Councillors, Cllr John Cox thanked the office bearers for all the work done and said it was a pleasure to work together.

**Venue for future meetings:** Though thankful for the use of the library, space is inadequate when we have full attendance and the school no longer has a room. WDCC is considering using the Whitehills church hall, St Brandon's, for future meetings for which payment will have to be made as it is not a council building. Meeting agrees that Anne follow this up and notify members of the venue for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the AGM was concluded, and the May monthly meeting begun.