

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 21 June 2021

Via Zoom due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Present

Julian Birchall as the Returning Officer

Simon Edwards (current Chairman & current Acting Treasurer)

Stephanie Jackman (current Secretary)

Council Members: Andrew Beveridge, Nick Shapowal, Chris Lewin, Rosalind Birchall, Christopher Lambton

Two Members of the Public: Fiona Pagett, Susan Taylor

Apologies

Penny Wedderburn Scott

The Returning Officer opened the Annual General Meeting for 2021 explaining that due to the Covid-19 Pandemic there had been no AGM in 2020. He then invited the Chair to give his Report.

Chairman's Report

This report covers the two years from May 2019 to June 2021 - the UTCC did not have an Annual General Meeting in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank all of the community councillors, our local SBC councillors and a number of volunteers who have helped the UTCC and the local community throughout the last two years. Here is a reminder of some of the successes the UTCC helped to deliver: Broughton's Bite & Blether. Thanks must go to Emma Reid and her band of volunteers for establishing the very successful Broughton's Bite & Blether. This was trialled in November 2019 but was sadly cut short in early 2020; over 30 people regularly attended each of the nine sessions. Resilient Communities: The Upper Tweed Resilient Communities Group had five volunteer drivers who collected and delivered pensions and prescriptions and delivered goods from Broughton Village Store to individuals or families that were self-isolating or shielding. This was in place from March until the end of July 2020, the drivers completed over 325 deliveries into the community covering over 1,833 miles.

The Returning Officer thanked the Chair and invited the Acting Treasurer to give his Report.

Acting Treasurer's Report

Covid-19 Support: The UTCC was able to help and financially support 13 individuals or families throughout the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thanks to the SSE and Ventient Glenkerie wind farms and The Bridge for their Covid-19 related financial contributions totalling £4,500.

Micro Grants and Youth Bursaries. Over the two year period, thanks to the support from the SSE and Ventient Glenkerie wind farms, the UTCC has again been able to support a number of local groups, individuals and initiatives to the value of £3,382.

Accounts Reporting. The accounts for FY Ending 31 March, 2021, have been audited and are all in order. The accounts now show the separate ring fenced funds that are available to the UTCC and the community.

The Returning Officer then moved to the Voting In of a new Chairman with the results of voting as follows:

CHAIRMAN – Andrew Beveridge

Proposed by Christopher Lambton

Seconded by Chris Lewin

Motion Carried.

The Returning Officer reported that of the existing Council Members, 7 had responded to the call to continue on the Council and one co-opted Member had agreed to become a full Member, a further member of the Community had stepped forward to be voted in as a full Member of the Council. The Returning Officer therefore announced the new Council Membership for the coming year to be as follows:

Andrew Beveridge, Nick Shapowal, Stephanie Jackman, Christopher Lambton, Chris Lewin, Rosalind Birchall, Penny Wedderburn Scott, Fiona Pagett and Simon Edwards

The Returning Officer then moved on to Voting In of new Officer Bearers:

VICE CHAIRMAN – Rosalind Birchall

Proposed by Stephanie Jackman

Seconded by Christopher Lambton

Motion Carried.

TREASURER – Nick Shapowal

Proposed by Chris Lewin

Seconded by Stephanie Jackman

Motion Carried.

Secretary – Stephanie Jackman

Proposed by Andrew Beveridge

Seconded by Rosalind Birchall

Motion Carried.

Andrew Beveridge, The new Chairman then thanked the Returning Officer for carrying out his duties so efficiently and eloquently and moved on to thank the outgoing Chair for all that he had done for the Community and the CC itself and was delighted he was happy to remain on the Council. He then asked all Officer Bearers and Council Members to introduce themselves, this duly took place.

Date of next Meeting – 7pm, Monday, 19 July, 2021, in Drumelzier Hall in person!!! (any change to the location and Council Members would be informed in advanced).

The business of the day completed, the Meeting Closed.