

STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the COUNCIL held at

7.15 pm on Tuesday 8th March 2011

IN COWIE LOUNGE - INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE

Present: David Fleming (Chairperson), Stuart Alexander, Ian Balgowan, Raymond Christie, Peter Greig, Ian Hunter, Michael Innes, Alistair Lawrie, Bob Michie, Andrew Newton, Iain Noble, Rachel Shanks, Allan Sutherland, Philip Daniels, Stewart Campbell, Elizabeth Farquhar, Phil Mills-Bishop, George Strang

Youth Members: Andrew Deans.

Kincardine and Mearns Councillors: Wendy Agnew, Graeme Clark, Peter Bellarby, Mike Sullivan.

In Attendance: Sgt Blackwood, Inspector Hume. Public, Press & Representatives from Co-Op.

Apologies: Billy MacKenzie

Absent:

1. Acceptance of minutes 2010 AGM

Proposed by Alistair Lawrie, and Seconded by Michael Innes. Minutes accepted as a true record.

2. Chairman's Report.....David Fleming's Report covered:

- Increase in Councillors and Public participation from last year
- Planning Main Issues Report: adopted in the draft Local Plan modest expansion of 400 houses
- Supermarket report.... thanks to Andrew Newton
- Gypsy/Travellers issue
- SDCC representation on STP; The award of the £181,5000 from the Town Centre Regeneration Fund, facilitating the formation of the Stonehaven Town Hall Trust last June.
- Allotments at Baird Park, and the completion of Skate Park
- The opening of the Beach Toilets; thanks to Michael Innes
- Follow-up to Floods of November 2009, and the work required on the Bervie Braes
- The much improved Christmas tree; thanks to Peter Greig
- "Capacity building" within SDCC Councillors
- Need to encourage greater gender & age equality within the Community Council
- Thanks to SDCC Officers etc, Police Representatives, Shire Councillors & Officers

Peter Bellarby & Alistair Lawrie gave David Fleming vote of thanks.

3. Secretaries' Reports

- **General Secretary -Alistair Lawrie**

-Correspondence now mainly e-mail. An updated e-Mail listing of members is required.

- **Planning Secretary -Michael Innes**

-thanks to Peter Greig & Andrew Newton

-thanks from the Allotment Association

- **Web Secretary -Ian Hunter**

- Audio recording of supermarket debate available on web site. Member of public stated he could not hear it..... Ian Hunter to investigate.

4. Treasurer's Report -Bob Michie

- 3 accounts; a general administration account and 2 Investment accounts. They all have healthy balances. Phil Mills-Bishop asked on use of the investment funds. David Fleming stated they formed a legacy, and should be used mainly for charity. However, Ian Hunter stated that such funds could be utilised by Community Council itself.
- Grant still to come for Christmas Tree (the Tree itself was actually donated). Lights presented by iMorph Ltd. Costs only on fencing and decorations. Thanks to Peter Greig
- Public Toilet cleaning grant of £500 not all used... balance left in the General A/c.,
- Question from a member of the public on cost of adverts in Means Leader

5. Approval of Audited Abstract of Accounts for 2010:

Proposed by Ian Hunter, and seconded by Stuart Alexander. The Accounts were approved

6. Acceptance of Auditor's Letter (included in Accounts Report):

Proposed by Rachel Shanks and seconded by Alistair Lawrie. The Auditor's Letter was accepted.

7. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts for current financial year:

Alan Parkhill was re-appointed as Examiner.

8. A.O.C.B:

Rachel Shanks raised issue of the title "Chairman" as opposed to "Chairperson" contained with the SDCC Constitution. David Fleming handed over Chair to Michael Innes.

David Fleming listed number of common sense reasons and a Latin derivation for retaining Chairman and felt it was a gender neutral term. Alan Sutherland and some other members expressed anger over the raising of the issue and time taken on an insignificant item.

Ian Hunter and other members disagreed that the issue was insignificant. Women councillors who had previously served on SDCC had fought hard for the term Chairperson to be incorporated into the SDCC Constitution. Andrew Newton proposed for official communications Chairperson be used and in debate Chairman.

It was agreed and accepted without a vote that for all formal communication on behalf of the SDCC as a whole David Fleming would use the term Chairperson but retain the term Chairman as his personal preference for all other non-formal occasions and debate.

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

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