



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Lochwinnoch Bowling Club

19th June 2024

Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absences.

Diarmid Harris (Chair) welcomed attendees. The meeting was attended by 17 members in person. Apologies were received from 6 other members.

Minutes of the AGM 2023

These were displayed, having already been distributed to members and displayed on the LCDT website. Presentation of the minutes, proposed by Bill White and seconded by Martin Mansell.

Chairman's Report

The chair reminded members about the objectives and structure of the trust and introduced various members of the board who describes projects achieved over the previous year.

Organisation Development

Ann Kerr-Friend is stepping down from the board

Fiona Sutherland has agreed to join the board as a director

Lochhead Community Garden

Appointed Eilidh Staniforth as Project officer for the site. Funding secured for this project for a further 3 years.

Volunteer work

Larder

The community Larder (operated by LEAP) continues to operate successfully.

Wildcare and Toddlers Groups

These activities continue onsite.

Muirshiel Regeneration Project

See accompanying presentation slides

Lochwinnoch Parish Church

See accompanying presentation slides

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Bill White, shared the balance sheet for 2023/2024 as below. Accounts - see website for details were proposed by Diane Allan and seconded by Ross Anderson.

Guest Speaker –

Judith Eele from Community Enterprise talked through development plans for Muirshiel and answered any questions regarding this site.

Open floor questions

Answered by LCDT Chair Diarmid Harris these included:

Q - How much the purchasing and restoration process would cost for the Parish Church?

A - Ball park figure around £2million as an estimate.

Q - Will Renfrewshire council still own the Visitor centre at Windy hill?

A – Yes, they will still own that area and will not be taken over by LCDT.

Q - Any funding in place for another Development officer?

A - We are waiting on funding for this. Currently difficult to recruit someone for a 3-month posting. When we know what funding may be granted from the Scottish Government, we will have more of an idea.

Q- What was the rationale and benefits to move to charity status?

A - We wanted to clarify LCDT's status with the community (this was some confusion on i.e. a company limited by guarantee, charitable status allow access to alternative funding and grant opportunities.

Steering group wanted to formally note how grateful they are to Bill and the Board for all of their hard work with the church. Thank you to everyone involved.

Election of Board

Ann Kerr will be stepping down from the board of directors. Vote of thanks to Ann for her hard work during her time with LCDT. All remaining board members (Diarmid Harris, Martin Mansell, Rafe Dewar, Diane Allen and William White) were all willing to stand again. The motion to re-appoint all current board members was proposed by Paul Harris and seconded by Mary Alice Mansell.

There was a nomination put forward for Fiona Sutherland to join the board of directors. This was proposed by Ann Kerr and seconded by Martin Mansell.

There were another two parties interested in potentially joining the board of directors. This was Eric Beattie and Iona Quickfall. Agreed to attend a board meeting to get more information about what may be required of them.

Any other competent business

No matters brought forward.

Date of next meeting

This will be determined by the Board and circulated accordingly.