

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of NQCC AGM on Thursday 10 July 2014

<p>Members Present: Ian G Mitchell (IGM), Lin Collis (LC), Christina McKenzie (CM), Jan Short (JS), Mary Finlayson (MF), Barbara McKechnie (BM), Jim George (JG), Councillor Mike Shirkie (MS) 6 Members of the public including Jim West and Mike Low</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies for Absence:	James Lawson (JLL)	
2. Minutes of previous AGM	In the current absence of the June 2013 AGM Minutes, IGM requested approval be delayed to monthly meeting in September 2014	
3. Matters Arising	No matters arising	
4. Approval of Accounts	CM circulated the Accounts to the Community Council Members at the meeting. CM advised that the increase in Income in 2014 Accounts compared to those of 2013 is due to early receipt of the Floral Enhancement Grant for 2014/15. LC queried the items included in Administration costs and CM confirmed that Website fees and Data Commission fees are included in the total. The Accounts were duly approved	LC proposed approval and BM seconded.
5. Election of Office Bearers	MS took the Chair for the election of the Chair of the Community Council. IGM duly elected unanimously and returned to Chair the rest of the AGM. Vice Chair: LC proposed by CM and seconded by IM. Hon Sec: BM proposed by IGM and seconded by LC Treasurer: CM proposed by IGM and seconded by LC	All
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner	Myra McDavid was approved as Independent Examiner. Myra was temporarily unavailable to Examine the 2014 Accounts and thanks go to Frieda Allen for stepping in and Independently Examining the Accounts.	Proposed by CM and seconded by BM
7. Any Other Competent Business	Jim West (JW) sought clarification on the election of Community Council members. IGM outlined the nature of a Community Council as a corporate body. Further information on this topic is available on http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Governme nt/PublicServiceReform/CommunityCouncils JW queried the responsibilities of the members	

	<p>of the Community Council with particular reference to environmental issues and the existence of environmental plans within the current large projects touching on the village of North Queensferry. In the light of his environmental experience (see FIM Environmental Code) IGM and MS encouraged JW to consider co-option to the Community Council or consider attending meetings as often as possible to participate in environmental discussions and draw attention to issues. MS requested that a categorical list of issues that JW had observed be sent to him with copy to IGM.</p> <p>It was noted that the Community Council is short of Members and interested members of the public would be most welcome to become involved.</p>	
	Meeting closed by the Chair	