

**ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL**  
**MEETING**  
**ALVAH HALL: TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2015**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Present**

Rosie Dewhurst (Chairman)	Helen Bayne	Doug Hill
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Phil Duffield	Mike Dewhurst
(Treasurer)		
Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)	Carol Rewston	John Burns

In Attendance: Councillor Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Rhoda Burns and Caroline Jones (Forglen Hall Committee).

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Philip Foad, Gordon Lang and Ian Rogan (Area Project Officer),

3. **Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed all present and explained that as this was the first AGM of the new committee there would be no previous minutes to approve.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that:

- In the past year the community council had maintained its membership and established a good relationship with the committees of the two halls where we meet. There was no upper limit on the number of community councillors so others who show an interest are welcome to join as councillors or as observers. The council will always be open to new ideas or suggestions.
- Thanks to Doug Hill the council has its own excellent website.
- Carol had established a good floral group despite having very little time to get it up and running and hoped to do even better next year. There had been good feedback on the tubs and the daffodils. A bid has been submitted for funding for a further 8 flower tubs. Daffodils have also been ordered for planting in the autumn. Volunteers would be required for planting and watering.

- A successful community planning event had been held, with the help and support of the Banffshire Partnership. The Chairman thanked all who helped in the distribution of fliers and posters and helped with the catering.
- Two Aberdeenshire councillors regularly attend our meetings and we appreciate their advice and support. The Chairman said she was especially pleased to see Cllr. Roy at the meeting following a spell of illness.
- A very good relationship had been established with the Area Manager's Office and the Community Council was most grateful for the support of the Area Manager and her staff.
- Our two local newspapers had been most supportive.
- The council's project manager gave very good broadband presentation and he will give a further presentation later in the year when all the modelling is completed.
- In the next few weeks the new CAP document will be completed and this document will provide a variety of projects to work on for the following three years.
- Lastly the Chairman thanked all for the support they have provided during the last year, in particular, The Secretary for his continued support and hard work.

#### 4. **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that:

- He echoed the Chairman's comments regarding the Area Managers office. He was in regular communication with them and they had always been extremely helpful. Without their help it was unlikely that the community council would have been resurrected.
- A good rapport had been established with the Roads Department who have always responded quickly and positively to our concerns and observations.
- Aberdeenshire Council provides us with a weekly list of planning applications and so far we have found the need to comment on only two.
- Recently, at the request of residents, the Community Council supported the case of a number of local residents suffering from noise disturbance from a wind turbine. The environmental department responded quickly and tests were being undertaken.

- The police, although understandably they cannot attend many meetings, send us their monthly newsletter.
- The Community Council is invited to comment on Aberdeenshire consultation papers. The most important one this year was the Local Development Plan.
- Next month, October 6, there would be a speaker on the history of education in Banff. It was intended that there would be other speakers during the year.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that:

- After initial difficulty with the bank, the bank accounts had been transferred to the new committee.
- He had distributed the accounts before the meeting. He was grateful for the speedy response from the auditor.

The accounts were approved unanimously.

## 6. Election of Officers

Chairman – Rosie Dewhurst was proposed by Jim Bayne and seconded by Barbara Foad.

Secretary – Jim Bayne was proposed by Rosie Dewhurst and seconded by Phil Duffield.

Treasurer – Mike Dewhurst was proposed by Carol Rewston and seconded by John Burns.

Vice Chairman – Barbara Foad was proposed by Rosie Dewhurst and seconded by Mike Dewhurst.

The vote for all posts was carried unanimously.

## 7. Election of New Councillors.

Caroline Jones – proposed by Barbara Foad and seconded by Rosie Dewhurst.

Rhoda Burns – proposed by Mike Dewhurst and seconded by Carol Rewston.

The vote to accept both applicants was unanimous.

8. **Any Other Business**

It was agreed that the Secretary would seek approval of the minutes by email in the next week.

J Bayne  
Secretary