

Gateside and District Community Association

Gateside Memorial Hall

Minutes of AGM held 09/03/2023 at 7.30pm

1. Welcome by Chair Andrew Macnaughton to all attendees

Apologies: Kat Wright, Beryl Cowling, Jessica Falconer; Stewart Falconer; Bryan Morrice

Attendees: Andrew Macnaughton; Jane Macnaughton, Bill Gillan, Teri Gillan, Lee Patchell; Jen Gallier; Derek Thomson; Iain Crockett,; Caroline Crockett; Kate Fernando; Susan Jack; Jill Walker; Laura Laing; Helen Leslie; Angus Nelson; Fay Orr; Carolyn Moorefield; Carol Bernard

2. Minutes of last AGM meeting approved: Susan Jack proposed, Jane Macnaughton seconded.

3. **Treasurer's Annual Report – Bill Gillan**

- Grants breakdown 2022 (see attached)
- Audited accounts 2022 (see attached)

Bill Gillan resigned as Treasurer

4. **Chair's Annual Report – Andrew Macnaughton**

The Chair noted that the Community Association extended over a larger area than previously thought. The challenge over the last year had been to tackle isolation after two years of lockdown, rural isolation and poverty. The Association has achieved a lot in tackling these issues. First Friday Soup lunches had been the first initiative of its type in North East Fife and was now well-established. Toasty Tuesdays had provided a warm space with things to do supported by funding from Fife Voluntary Action. It was hoped to continue this in some form when the funding expired at the end of the month. The Platinum Jubilee was celebrated by a themed Soup Friday followed by a picnic lunch and games in the park on Saturday. It had been good to see the children's Hallowe'en party and community Christmas celebrations (including Santa giving presents to the children) started again. He also called out the Burns Night dinner, which had 60 people seated in the Hall for a highly successful evening.

Big efforts had been made on improving communications with a modernised website, active Facebook group, newsletters and leaflets for events. However, he recognised that more needed to be done to connect with teenagers.

Fundraising efforts had raised £4,800 from grant-giving bodies for events and improvements and a further £2,600 had been raised by the community itself. Hall

hire was an important part of this and long-term hires from Glenfarg Folk Club, Gateside Music Society and the Kinross Craft Circle had been particularly important. As a result the Hall had never looked better and the Association had led the way in North East Fife in bringing people together after Covid. In a community of less than 300 the majority of this had been delivered by less than 10 people. He thanked them for their efforts.

Andrew Macnaughton resigned as Chair

5. Election of the new committee

Chair – Lee Patchell agreed to take on Chair – proposed A Macnaughton, 2nd S Jack. Vote carried

Secretary - Jess Falconer proposed by J Gallier, 2nd S Jack. Vote carried

Treasurer – Jen Gallier proposed by A Macnaughton; 2nd T Gillan. Vote Carried

Hall convenor – Stewart Falconer proposed by L Patchell, 2nd J Gallier. Vote carried

Vice Chair- Lee Patchell requested additional support from experienced members of the committee to provide an advisory role as co Vice Chair. He proposed Jane Macnaughton, Andrew Macnautghon and Susan Jack. Susan Jack requested Kat Wright also be invited to be a co Vice Chair. Although this is not part of the normal constitution this was agreed by those attending the AGM.

Area representatives

Angus Nelson nominated as Dryside Community Representative by S Jack (vote carried)

Derek Thomson nominated as Main Rd Community Representative by Lee Patchell (vote carried)

Diane Lawrie nominated as Cowiefaulds/ Wellfield Community Representative. TBC

Kate Fernando nominated as Old Town Community Representative by S Jack (vote carried)

Carol Bernard nominated as Bower Park Community Representative by J Gallier. Vote carried

Jill Walker nominated as The Mill Community Representative by D Thomson. Vote carried

Valerie Weir nominated as Burnside Community Representative. TBC

Fay Orr nominated as Perth Road / Carnmore Community Representative by S Jack. Vote carried

6. AOB Teri Gillan offered to continue to open and close Hall for groups and events and run the heating system even though Bill and Teri have stepped down from office bearer roles. Bill and Teri were thanked for all the work they have done in running the Hall over the years and their offer was gratefully accepted.
7. Lee Patchell thanked everyone for the attendance and closed the meeting.