

Boat of Garten & Vicinity Community Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13 June 2022

In Boat of Garten Community Hall

1. Record of Community Council membership present and apologies received:

Community Council Members: Kathryn Gillings, John Dickson, Alan Bennet, Valerie Fairweather, Alison Morris.

Ex Officio: Muriel Cockburn

Members of the Public: Kirsty McLaughlan (Scottish Water), Gavin Steel (Scottish Water), Harriet von Einsiedel, Maureen Hendry, Gordon Bullock

Apologies: Willie Mckenna (CNPA)

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 June 2021:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by Alan Bennet and seconded by Kathryn Gillings.

3. Chair's Annual Report:

This year has seen many changes both nationally and within the Community Council. At the start of this session in September we were still very conscious of Covid. Our meetings were on Zoom which got the work done though were oddly stilted. By April the masks were coming off and we were back to meeting in person.

Unfortunately, Brian Tolson, our Chairman, left the Council in November, followed, unexpectedly, by Carolyn Holroyd, our Secretary in March. Both are much missed and we thank them for all the work they did. Due to ill health, Valerie Fairweather had to step down in November but was able to rejoin us in April. In May we were joined by Alison Morris. We would still welcome new recruits to the Council.

We have continued to work for the benefit of our community.

Various road safety issues have come our way. One was the danger to pedestrians of cyclists riding on the pavements. Apart from "education", we came up with no good solution. We did get yellow line road markings near the Post Office which should make the sharp corner safer. There is also a designated disabled parking space by Valerie's house.

Last summer the BoG Standard was edited by Kevin Redgewell assisted by James Morris. Since then the editor has been Stephen Goodall again assisted by James. John Dickson now helps contact the advertisers. There are now 3 issues a year. It is hoped that the BoG Standard is now on a much more even keel after the uncertainties of the last two and a half years.

We have had a lot of discussion about having a living Christmas Tree on the green. This is proving far more complicated than anyone thought. Alan Bennet has been working hard to facilitate this.

We have continued to monitor planning issues and to comment when appropriate.

There has been a lot of consternation across the Strath over the ratio of holiday homes and lets to permanently occupied properties. In Boat of Garten it is nearly 50:50 with permanency just having the upper hand. The big problem can be "party" houses, especially if they have hot tubs. A combination of warm evening, bubbling water and alcohol is not a

good mix for the neighbours! The Scottish Government is trying to address the issue of holiday properties taking over popular areas.

A recent planning application by Scottish Water for a 2 metre fence at the Waste-water Treatment Works on the banks of the river has uncovered a lot of other problems. These are to be addressed at our next meeting by representatives of Scottish Water. This should be an interesting end to this session.

Kathryn Gillings.

Chair.

4. Treasurer's Annual Report:

Financially, 2021 - 22 has been yet another quiet year. The key financial factors were:

1) With income of £2822.14 and expenditure of £1817.80, we ended the year with a surplus of £1004.34.

2) When added to the balance at the end of 2020 - 21 of £4497.08, we now have total funds of £5501.42. This is split between the Environmental account £3829.82 and the Treasurers account £1671.60.

3) There were no transactions on the Environmental account during 2021 - 22.

4) The Treasurers account shows income of £2822.14 being a donation of £600 from the Reidhaven Estate and advertising income of £1785 via the BoG Standard.

5) Expenditure breaks down into administrative costs of £179.80, £660 to Highland Council for the installation and removal of the Festive lighting and £978 for the printing of our community newsletter, the BoG Standard.

6) With timing changes to the frequency of the BoG Standard, the accounts include income from 3 editions but only shows expenditure for 2 editions. This has contributed to our overall surplus this year.

In closing, there are a number of people to thank. Firstly, we are grateful to Reidhaven Estate for their continued support and donation of £600 to the community. We are also grateful for all those involved with the BoG Standard which continues to provide us with additional income. To mention a few, our varied and loyal advertisers, Groverprint for continuing to keep costs low, the editor Steve Goodall supported by James Morris, John Dickson and Jackie Wilson for their work with our advertisers and of course thanks to the team of BoG Standard distributors. Finally, thanks to John O'Donnell for his added scrutiny and examining the accounts.

Alan Bennet,

Treasurer.

5. Demit of current office bearers and election of office bearers:

All office holders stood down.

Kathryn Gillings was proposed as Chair by Alan Bennet and seconded by John Dickson

Alan Bennet was proposed as Treasurer by John Dickson and seconded by Valerie Fairweather.

John Dickson was proposed as secretary by Kathryn Gillings and seconded by Alan Bennet.

6. Chairperson to declare provisional date of the next AGM and close meeting:

Kathryn Gillings declared that the provisional date of the next AGM is 12 June 2023, following which she brought the meeting to a close.

Community Councils								
Standard Financial Reporting Format - Example								
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2022								
Boat of Garten & Vicinity	Community Council					2022	2021	
Income					£	£	£	
Highland Council Grant						437.14	437.14	
Sponsorship								
None					0.00			
					0.00			
						0.00	0.00	
Donations								
Reidhaven Estate					600.00			
						600.00	600.00	
Contributions Received								
VABS Zoom support grant					0.00			
All abilities path settlement.					0.00			
						0.00	2848.08	
Other Income								
BoG standard advertising					1785.00			
Community Hall - transfer in error					0.00			
						1785.00	664.50	
Deposit Account interest						0.00	0.00	
Total Income						2822.14	4549.72	
Expenditure								
Highland Council Grant		Secretary's Expenses			0.00			
		Chair Expenses			30.80			
		Treasurer Expenses			0.00			
		Room Hire			18.00			
		Data Protection fees			35.00			
		Insurance			86.00			
		Website support			10.00			
		Community Newsletter costs			978.00			
		Retirement gift			0.00			
						1157.80	1385.83	
Donations					0.00			
						0.00	0.00	
Maintenance Work					0.00			
						0.00	0.00	
Transfer received in error returned						0.00	244.50	
Community Events								
		Instalation of Festive Tree and Lights			660.00			
						660.00	1184.71	
Total Expenditure						1817.80	2815.04	
Surplus/Deficit for the year						1004.34	1734.68	
Add Balance brought forward						2535.60	800.92	
Balance carried forward						3539.94	2535.60	

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Bank Reconciliation at 31st March 2022												
Boat of Garten & Vicinty		Community Council										
Current Account						£	£		Deposit Account		£	£
Balance at 1 April 2021							4497.08		Balance at 1 April 2021			0.00
Add:	Income(excl. Deposit Account interest)					2822.14			Add Interest Received			0.00
Less:	Expenditure					1817.80			Add Transfers in			0.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year							1004.34					
Less:	Transfer to Deposit Account						0.00					
Balance at 31 March 2022							5501.42		Balance at 31 March 2022			0.00
Bank Statement												
Balance per the statement at 31 March 2022							5501.42		Balance per the statement			0.00
Less	Unpresented cheques						0.00					
Add:	Unbanked income						0.00					
Balance per statement at 31 March 2022							5501.42					

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Standard Financial Reporting Format - Example								
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022								
Boat of Garten & Vicir Community Council							2022	2021
Fixed Assets					£	£	£	£
None						-		
						-		
							0.00	-
Current Assets								
Treasurers Current Account						1,671.60		
Environmental Current Account						3,829.82		
							5,501.42	4,497.08
Net Assets							5,501.42	4,497.08
Represented By								
Capital Valuation Account							0.00	-
Revenue Reserves								
Balance at 1.04.21						4,497.08		
Less prior year debits/credits						-		
Surplus for year						1,004.34		
Balance at 31.03.22							5,501.42	4,497.08
Total Funding							5,501.42	4,497.08
Independent Examiners Certificate								
I hereby certify that the Accounts to the 31st March 2022 are an accurate summary of the underlying books and records of Boat of Garten & Vicinity Community Council.								
Signature:		John O'Donnell						
Print Name		John O'Donnell						