

**MINUTE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2013 IN THE PUBLIC INSTITUTE.**

**1 PRESENT**

Elizabeth Rennie, Una Hamilton, Iain Rennie, George McIntyre, Donald Cameron, Les Tombe, Gordon Christie, Bill Royan, Alison Coull, Helen Morrison, Jake Morrison, Cath Collins, Frances Duncan, Douglas Ross, Joan Jones, Jennie Cameron, Laura Sharp, Caroline Leslie, Ruth Lambourne, Kathleen Robb, Pat Jenkins, Laura Jenkins, Angus Gordon Lennox, Jeremy Evans, Elspeth Fordyce, Sybil Stuart, Angela Brown, Alan Brown, Stewart Harris, Peter Hunter, Janet Hallyburton, Moira Morrison, Gillian Baillie

**2 APOLOGIES**

Jackie Owsnett, John Mehigan, Elizabeth Nimmo, Sean Morton, Audrey Macaulay, Edgar Tombe, Emma Jenkins, Roddy Munro, John Ford.

**3 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chairperson read the minute of the previous AGM to the assembled group.

PROPOSED: Elspeth Fordyce

SECONDED: Donald Cameron

The minute was accepted as a true and accurate report.

**4 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer distributed copies of the accounts.

INCOME: £14,362 including £6855 from Abbeyfield Fochabers Society

£7507 from Awards for All

EXPENDITURE TO DATE: £5968

CURRENT BALANCE: £18954.74

WORKING BALANCE WHEN ALL BILLS HAVE BEEN PAID: £4412.74

**5 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson reported that 2012 had been a busy year with a number of changes and developments. She thanked everyone who had helped implement these and carry on the regular work of the Association.

One of the successful developments had been shared working eg with the committee of The Public Institute who took responsibility for the bar at the Burns' Supper in January, with Fochabers Business Association who took responsibility for the shops opening on the evening of the switching on of the Christmas lights and with a group, led by Alison Borthwick who organised and ran a Jubilee Party.

Shared working also extended to the Association itself with the formation of groups to organise the Hogmanay Party and The Burns' Supper.

Elizabeth also thanked all members of the Village Association Committee who helped in the success of all events. She thanked the numerous supporters such as Abby Duncan, Alan Macdonald, James Alexander, Browns of Dipple, Fochabers Fire Service and Peter Hunter who also gave their time and effort to make these events successful.

She spoke briefly about events including The Burns' Supper, the Jubilee Party, The Gala which was held in The Square for the first time in a number of years and the new Christmas tree lights, both in The Square and at Milnescroft.

Elizabeth informed the assembled group that a successful application had been made to Awards for All to fund new Christmas street lights. There will be a press release on 5<sup>th</sup> February and people were asked not to give information to the press prior to that date.

Members of the Association had been involved in discussion with others regarding community projects such as The Public Institute, Fochabers Institute Group, Rory Dutton of the Development Trust Association Scotland, The Playing Fields and the regeneration of The Square.

She ended by stating the need to build on strengths and to keep the big picture in mind.

## **6 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

The Chairperson reported that since the existing constitution of the Fochabers Village Association was suitable for a development trust, the current committee would stand down from office and become the Events Committee.

Nominations were requested for the office bearers who would take forward the development trust.

**CHAIRPERSON: GORDON CHRISTIE**

Nominated: Donald Cameron

Seconded: Les Tombe

Gordon accepted the nomination.

**VICE CHAIR: RODDY MUNRO**

Nominated: Gordon Christie

Seconded: Janet Hallyburton

Roddy had previously stated his willingness to accept nomination.

**SECRETARY: JEREMY EVANS**

Nominated: Iain Rennie

Seconded: Laura Jenkins

Jeremy accepted the nomination.

**TREASURER: IAIN RENNIE**

Nominated: Gordon Christie

Seconded: George McIntyre

Iain accepted the nomination.

**7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in The Public Institute on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 8.00pm.

**AOCB**

Elizabeth announced that, due to lack of support, the Burns' Supper was cancelled because it was not financially viable.