



MINUTES OF THE ONLINE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 28th October 2020

Present: - Simon Welfare (Chairman), David Ellis (Secretary/Treasurer), Cllr. Peter Argyle, Nigel Healey, Anne Heath, Joyce Lovie, Emma Murphy, Christine Padgham, Andrew Wilson

Apologies : Cllr. Paul Gibb

The Chairman welcomed those present to the 2020 Annual General Meeting and invited Councillor Peter Argyle to take the chair.

1. Election of Community Council Officers

Councillor Argyle called for nominations for the post of Chairman. Simon Welfare was nominated by Nigel Healey and seconded by David Ellis. Simon accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected. He then resumed the chair.

The Chairman called for nominations for the posts of Secretary and Treasurer. David Ellis was nominated as Secretary by Nigel Healey, seconded by Joyce Lovie. David Ellis was further nominated as Treasurer by Andrew Wilson, seconded by Nigel Healey. David accepted nomination and was unanimously elected to these positions. There were no other nominations for Council Officers.

2. Chairman's Report 2019/2020

Simon Welfare submitted the Chairman's Report for 2019/2020. The report highlighted extensive flooding in November and into the new year. Officials of Aberdeenshire Council were thanked for sorting out the problem. In March came the national lockdown through Covid 19. The local response in neighbourly help for those most vulnerable in Cromar was coordinated splendidly by Cromar Community Help in the Tarland area and a similar group in Logie Coldstone. The report paid tribute to local posties, waste disposal teams and other departments of Aberdeenshire Council that worked tirelessly to maintain community services, the staff of Cromar's schools, and to the generous funders of these emergency operations: the Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action Supporting Communities Fund, Aberdeenshire Council's Community Resilience Fund, the Corra Community Wellbeing Fund, the MacRobert Trust and the Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks Resilient Communities Fund.

He continued as follows: "Thanks to the wonders of the digital world, the Community Council has been able to maintain its calendar of meetings to which three new Members have been welcomed. We have contributed to discussions about the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan. The revised settlement statements for Tarland and Logie Coldstone should, in due course, provide the development that this area needs. The Community Council has continued to press for a road crossing in Logie Coldstone to protect the schoolchildren who use the village hall. We have also created a new Community Council website. We have much to do in the year ahead. We still intend to produce a Community Action Plan when time allows, and, in the light of our experiences during this pandemic, we shall redouble our efforts to campaign for the delivery of greatly improved communications to Cromar: faster broadband and wider phone coverage (from suitably sited masts). And we shall do all that we can to support our local businesses and economy. In these days of dwindling council finances, communities like ours will have to do more for themselves. This is truer than ever now, so we are – and shall be - all the more grateful for help, advice and information from officials of Aberdeenshire Council, in particular the Marr Area Manager, Janelle Clark; from Police Scotland; and, of course, from our Ward Councillors.' The report ended with thanks to all the members of the public who have raised matters of concern with the Community Council in the interests of improving life in Cromar. The members of the Community Council thanked the Chairman for his comprehensive report and his chairmanship throughout the year.

3. Presentation and Approval of the 2019/2020 Accounts

David Ellis, Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts of Cromar Community Council, to the period ending 31st March, 2020, duly examined and found in order, by the Examiner, Donald Gordon. The balance carried forward, plus income for the year, was £2008.88 and Expenditure, £339.23 leaving a Balance of £1669.65. Andrew Wilson moved the approval of the Accounts, seconded by Joyce Lovie.

There was no other business and the Community Council proceeded to its regular meeting.