
Hawick Community Council



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2020/21) held via Zoom on Monday, 10th May 2021 at 6pm

Present:	Cameron Knox (Chairperson)	Marion Short (Vice-Chairperson)
	Jim Adams (Treasurer)	Margaret Hogg (Secretary)
	Jock Campbell	Wilson George
	Keith Irving	Duncan Taylor
	Alan Wear	Euan Welsh
	French Wight	John Wilkinson
Attending:	Councillor McAteer	Councillor Ramage
	Derick Tait, Future Hawick	Chloe Dobson
	William Fletcher, Burnfoot CC	Harry Scott, HHS
	Helen Clyne, HHS	Abigail Potts, HHS

There were 4 members of the public also in attendance, as well as Jason Marshall and Graham Ford on behalf of the Hawick Paper and David Henderson, TD9 Radio.

- 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM for 2020/21 which was now back onto its normal calendar. He advised that the meeting was being recorded by HCC, and the Hawick Paper and TD9 Radio for reporting purposes.
- 2. Apologies** – Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Marshall and Turnbull, and HCC Member Braden George.
- 3. Adoption of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 11th January 2021** – The Minutes of the previous AGM for 2019/20 held on 11th January 2021 and delayed due to the Covid pandemic, were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Wilson George and Seconded by Marion Short.
- 4. Matters arising** – there were no matters arising.
- 5. Chairman's Report** – The Chair stated that it had seemed no time since the last AGM, delayed due to the Covid pandemic, however it had actually been 4 months. His report would therefore cover the period since his last report in January 2021 to the present time.

Langhope Rig Community Funding had been opened, providing micro grants to the value of £250 as well as Grants to the value of £500. Once again, these had been well received, with a variety of different organisations applying and the sum of over £7,000 awarded.

Over the period, HCC meetings had included a number of interesting presentations on matters of local importance, from Euan Jackson, Live Borders, Conor Price, Project

Manager for the Flood Protection Group, and Jamie Leslie, Muirhall Energy responsible for the Teviot Wind Farm.

After the last state of flooding a few weeks ago, 4 cheques had been distributed to help residents affected at Crowbyres to clean-up. With relaxation of restrictions, the Christmas lights on the High Street and Howegate had now been taken down, however the snowmen and trees donated by the late Bert Wear had taken a battering from the weather and these would require to be repaired and repainted prior to their being put back up again this Christmas.

A new member, Euan Welsh, had joined the Committee in February and whilst still finding his feet was considered a valued member. Unfortunately, HCC had also lost another Member, Brian Bouglas, who had resigned to concentrate his time on Future Hawick activities, and the Chair wished him well on behalf of HCC and its members.

The Chair concluded with thanks to members of HCC for all their support and efforts in working for the benefit of the town and its town's folk. Hopefully, progress will continue towards some normality again over the next few months.

- 6. Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer spoke to his Financial Report which had been previously circulated. He detailed expenditure from each account, transfers to other accounts as well as providing explanation of the “ring-fenced” amounts for Bandstand events and the Williestruther Boardwalk.

The opening balance at 1st April 2020 was £22,583.72, with closing balances of accounts at 31st March 2021 as follows: HCC 1 - £1,873.69; HCC 2 - £167.63; Christmas Lights - £1,235.78; Hawick in Bloom - £7,434.38; VE 75 years Celebrations - £0.00; Resilience Covid 19 - £218.43; and Foundation Scotland - £16,542.19. The closing balances totalled £27,472.10. The accounts had been audited and signed off by Scott Elliot, Auditor. Finally, the Treasurer advised that much of these monies had since been spent, as would be explained in his April report to be considered as part of the May monthly meeting following.

- 7. Election of Office-bearers:** The following Office-bearers were appointed:

- (a) Chairperson – Cameron Knox – Proposed Duncan Taylor, Seconded John Campbell
- (b) Vice-Chairperson – Marion Short – Proposed French Wight, Seconded Wilson George
- (c) Treasurer – Jim Adams – Proposed Marion Short, Seconded Duncan Taylor
- (d) Secretary – Margaret Hogg – Proposed Cameron Knox, Seconded John Campbell.

- 8. Appointment of Auditors** – The Chair advised that the Auditor for HCC was Scott Elliot. It was proposed that this arrangement be continued – Proposed by Jim Adams and Seconded by Wilson George and agreed by all members.

- 9. Acceptance of SBC's Code of Conduct for Community Councils** – A copy of the Code had been re-issued to all HCC members, and all members responded to the Chair confirming their acceptance to abide by the Code.

- 10. Any Other Competent Business** – There were no other items of business raised.