



## Minutes of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council

### Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 held in the Burgh Halls at 7pm.**

**Present:** Chair John Kelly (JK), Lyn Aitken (LA), Aileen Boyle (AB), Martin Crook (MC), Brenda Galloway (BG), Gill Fawcitt (GF), Ian Kelly (IK), Fiona Low (FL), Lesley Malone (LM), David Tait (DT), Verena Throp (VT), Ron Smith (RS), Mike Vickers (MV), Councillor Tom Kerr (TK), and three members of the public. Bruce McCallum from 7.25 pm.

Apologies: Councillor Tom Conn, Councillor Martyn Day.

- 1. Declarations of interest** IK stated that he was an employee of Philip Bald, the confirmed examiner of the LLBCC accounts. AB advised that West Lothian Council was aware of the position and accepted that IK is a qualified account and are comfortable that, although he is employed by Philip Bald, the accounts are examined by a suitably qualified person who is not connected to the Community Council.
- 2. Minutes of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council Annual General Meeting Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014.** MV proposed acceptance and JK seconded these.
- 3. Annual Report** AB summarised the AGM report. Nick Davies and his wife were thanked for looking after the flowerbed at the High Port. JK spoke to highlight some of Chair Bruce's points including the busy year and successful operation of the sub groups. He also mentioned the building of 15 new Council homes at Mill Road, the work of the Health and Care group and their public consultation; the fact that the planning group really got under way and its interaction with the Council's Main Issues Report; the Perambulation; and his delight that the local police station was saved from closure. FL provided a written update on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April but this was not issued before the meeting. FL provided a verbal update on youth facilities. Secretary advised that she would forward this report to all attendees. The written report will be posted on LLBCC website.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** IK referred to the grant from West Lothian Council, and the deficit for the year of £103.63. He stated that there was an outstanding cheque for £300 payable to the Lord Lyon. AB queried regarding any other outstanding payments and IK stated that £160 was due and payable for involvement in the Riding of the Marches, with contributions due by those taking part. LLBCC was still due £350 from the Advent Fayre for the band we contributed to in 2013. Nick Davies stated that he would continue to maintain the flowerbed and £40 was sufficient for the next financial budget. ND stated that the Town Management Group were offering a contribution of £1,000 towards the Town seal, and it was decided that they should be asked to pay this now. JK recommended payment of £40 for the flowerbed. MV proposed acceptance of the accounts, DT seconded.
- 5. All office bearers resigned and Councillor Tom Kerr took the chair.**  
JK proposed MC as Chair seconded by AB. MV proposed JK as Vice Chair seconded by DT. LA proposed AB as secretary seconded by FL. MV proposed IK as Treasurer seconded by AB. DT nominated JK as Planning secretary seconded by MV. JK proposed BG as Minute secretary seconded by LA.

MC took the Chair. Nick Davies from the floor suggested that thanks should be given to Bruce McCallum for the hard work he had done over the past 13 years, especially keeping the interests of Linlithgow Bridge going in the joint Community Council after its union with Linlithgow, and his contribution to the town. Councillor Tom Kerr made the presentation to Bruce on behalf of the LLBCC and West Lothian Council.

It was agreed that the next AGM would be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The list of future meetings was agreed. AB asked that the AGM be simply an AGM and have no additional no ordinary meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

The AGM ended at 7.31pm.

29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 Brenda Galloway Minute secretary.