

# Minutes of AGM

## Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Council

Monday 26th June 2023 at 7.30pm

### At Cawdor Community Centre

**Present:** CC Stevie Webster (SW), CC Alastair McGregor (AM), CC Dougie Fraser (DF), CC Lizzy Rose (LR), CC Rowena Macwilliam (RM), Cllr Barbara Jarvie, Cllr Michael Green, Joanna McGregor, Alec Rose, Vanessa Mcgregor, Philip Arkell

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Laurie Fraser, Cllr Paul Oldham, Meg Robertson, Jenifer Walker, James Cook, Carlo Cabrelli, Beryl Cabrelli

**2. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting**

Proposed by Dougie Fraser                      Seconded by Alastair McGregor

**3. Chairman's Report**

A copy of his report is attached, see Annex A

**4. Treasurer's Report**

A copy of his report is attached, see Annex B.

**5. Election of Office Bearers**

Cllr Barbara Jarvie conducted the election and appointment of the office bearers, thanking the outgoing committee for their service to the community.

The office bearers are as follows:

- Chair - Stevie Webster, proposed by Lizzy Rose, seconded by Dougie Fraser
- Secretary - Lizzy Rose, proposed by Rowie Macwilliam, seconded by Stevie Webster
- Treasurer - Dougie Fraser, proposed by Stevie Webster, seconded by Lizzy Rose

**6. Appointment of Minutes Secretary**

Lizzy Rose, proposed by Dougie Fraser, seconded by Stevie Webster  
Cllr. Jarvie handed back to the newly re-elected Chair.

**7. AOB**

No other business was raised.

The AGM part of the evening was brought to a close at 7.45pm

## **Annex A - CWNCC AGM 26/06/23 - Chairman's report**

On behalf of the committee and myself, thank you all for attending our AGM tonight.

It's been a fairly busy year in and around Cawdor as follows:

- Feral Cats - continued collaboration with the Cats Protection to reduce the feral cat population in Cawdor village. This is still an ongoing situation which is being closely monitored
- Cawdor Queen's Jubilee Wood tree planting at Ballichnockan - November 16th 2022 in collaboration with Cawdor Estate, Cawdor Forestry, Cawdor Primary and Nairn & District Beekeepers Association
- Anti dog fouling posters for Piperhill/Culcharry Woods - posters created by Cawdor Primary pupils with the winning design chosen by Lord Cawdor. This is being made into all weather signs by Macsigns in Inverness.
- Cawdor Christmas Market - December 10th, CWNCC had a successful tombola stall organised by Dougie Fraser.
- Information sharing presentations were given by:
  - West Nairnshire Safer Paths
  - Lewis Gell - website development
  - Cawdor Bowling Club
  - Port of Ardersier representatives
- The Big Cawdor Picnic on May 7th - we helped support and organise this event in a joint effort with community groups, Cawdor Estate, Cawdor Primary, Cawdor Church and Cawdor Castle
- Defibrillator training was held on June 19th with Peter and Kerry White of Lucky2BHere.

Yearly funding was received by Sandy and Jean Ford from Winds of Change to supply plants for round the village area. Thank you again to Sandy and Jean for the continuous hard work in keeping these plants looking well over the summer.

On the subject of gardens, Jenny and John Rose Miller had another successful Open Garden event, raising money for Team Hamish, Nairn Museum and the British Heart Foundation. Very well done to Jenny and John, with £1500 raised.

I would just like to say that the Wind Farm money is available through an application procedure, which can be accessed through the Winds of Change website. Please, if you have any good ideas or projects that you would like to see around the area, get your applications in. The money is there to support the Cawdor and West Nairnshire community.

There were few planning applications from the Cawdor and West Nairnshire area, however once again can I just remind people that if they need a voice to please write to the Secretary or come forward to the Community Council meeting to view their concerns.

Another change was the announcement that Sunday services in Cawdor church would be coming to an end. This news came as a shock to the community.

I would like to thank the local Councillors, attending our meetings and always willing to assist with any matters, which is very much appreciated. I would like to thank Lizzy, Dougie, Alastair, Rowie and Scott for their continued support and help in keeping the CWNCC active, and to everyone who has supported the Cawdor and West Nairnshire community throughout the year.

Before I finish, I would like to say how saddened and shocked the community was on hearing of the passing of the late Gordon Robertson. Gordon was Chair of the Winds of Change and was always willing to help others. Our condolences to his family.

## Annex B - Treasurer's Report

### C&WNCC Treasurer's Report for AGM 26/06/2023

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| Bank Reconciled at start of Financial Year 01/04/2022      | =£3,587.31        |
| Income   | =£830.12          |
| Expenditure  | =£624.66          |
| <u>Bank Reconciled to end of Financial Year 31/03/2023</u> | <u>=£3,792.77</u> |

Main points throughout the financial year:

A yearly direct debit payment to the Association of Scottish Community Councils was cancelled.

The annual grant from Highland Council was received on 23/08/2022 and remains at the previous level of £555.12.

C&WNCC raised funds of £260.00 at Cawdor Castle Xmas Market. Appreciation and thanks go to all the generous contributors for donations to the Tombola.

There were all the usual outgoings such as advertising of meetings, Insurances and secretarial expenses.

The account is reasonably healthy and with care should remain so.

I have prepared the year end accounts. They have been audited and signed off as being correct.

Douglas Fraser (Treasurer – C&WNCC)