

AIRTH PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of A.G.M held on 25th September 2019 in Airth Primary School.

Members present.-, Robert Smith, Jon Anslow, Aileen Amos, James Toal, Steven Sloper, Murat Dilek, Jacqueline Drew.

Also present was Cllr. Laura Murtaugh.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Jane Rae, P.C. Pete Dunlop, Cllrs. Joan Coombes and Jim Flynn.

2. The minutes of the 2018 A.G.M. had been circulated and were accepted as a correct record of the proceedings. Proposed by J. Anslow and seconded by A. Amos.

3. There were no matters arising from the last A.G.M.

4. Jon Anslow, the convenor gave a verbal report on the past year.
A copy of his full report is attached.

Aileen Amos said that she was unhappy that a complaint had been made direct to Jon relating to the way that a planning application had been handled by the community and was concerned that the issue had not been reported to the whole community council. She also said that if Jon had spoken to her before communicating with the complainer, she would have been able to clarify some points e.g. that there were no photographs when the application was discussed but a drawing taken from the F.C. planning portal was used. Although Jon insisted that the complaint had come direct to him, on a personal basis, other members also commented that it should have been put to all members.

Jon accepted the criticism of his handling of the issue, but was convinced he had done things correctly and in line with GDPR legislation. He did offer his resignation because of this but it was not accepted by the other members.

Aileen asked Jon if she had been discussed at the meeting and he refused to answer because it had been a private conversation.

After a discussion, it was acknowledged that we do not have an official procedure for dealing with complaints and it was agreed that we should have such a process in place. It was also noted that Falkirk Council had approved the planning application we had commented on.

5. Copies of the accounts were circulated and these were proposed as correct by R.Smith and seconded by J.Anslow. Aileen Amos pointed out that there were no receipts for some of the items of expenditure for the Christmas Lights event as some items had been purchased by other members and prizes had been compiled using cash from the sale of prize draw tickets. This year, she will arrange to purchase all items using the cheque book and ensure that receipts are obtained for everything.

6. The election of office bearers was as follows, all unopposed --

Convenor- Jon Anslow, Vice Convenor—James Toal, Secretary and treasurer- Aileen Amos, assistant Secretary-- Robert Smith.

Robert Smith intimated that he would not be standing at the next Community Council election in 2021 and hoped that we can encourage more younger people to become interested and involved in the work of the community council.

7. There was no other business.

The convenor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Our next A.G.M. will be held in September 2020, the actual date to be agreed later.