Biggar Community Council

DRAFT - Minutes of AGM held at 7pm on 03/10/22

In the Municipal Hall, Biggar.

Elected Members		Other Members	
Name/Role	**Present**	**Name/Status**	**Present**
Lesley Craise - Chair	Y	Neil Ingram – Associate	Y
Jerry Sumpster – Secretary	Y	Anne Lindsay - Associate	A
Bobby Colquhoun – Treasurer	Y	Al Stewart - Associate	A
Jimmy Ritchie	Y	Robin Laing – Associate	Y
Roger Curtis	Y	Ben Waine - Associate	A
Peter Rae	A	Ian McAllan – Ex Officio/SLC	Y
Gillian Gardner	A	Alex Allison – Ex Officio/SLC	A
Caz Alcorn	Y	Ralph Barker – Ex Officio/SLC	N
Laura Shirley (Co-Opted)	Y	Mairi McAllan – MSP	N
		David Mundell – MP	N

Three members of the public attended.

#	ITEM	OUTCOME
1	**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES** Apologies noted above. Jerry had agreed to undertake Chair for this meeting.	**NOTED**
2	**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM** (15th March 2022) P: Caz, 2nd: Jerry	**APPROVED**
	• **QA**	**None**
3	**CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT**	**ATTACHED FOR NOTING**
	• **QA**	**None**
4	**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT** Jerry advised that he & Bobby had worked together to complete the accounts for the year ended March 2022, which were submitted to SLC on time. Following a chaser sent to SLC last month we have now received the approved accounts and audit letter. The Admin Assistant at SLC (our normal day to day contact) had not been advised by her colleague in Finance & Corporate Resources that that the audit had been completed, and thus our annual admin grant top-up had not been processed. It is now scheduled and expected next week. The same applies for the top-up of the (SLC Administered) Clyde Windfarm microgrant top-up. Apologies were given by both departments. **Accounts & Audit Letter attached.**	**FOR NOTING**
	• **QA** There was a statement from Janet Moxley (member of the public) suggesting that BCC's handling of its financial matters was far from perfect and that <u>1. we should not, therefore, be criticising SLC; 2. asking why it had taken so long to identify that BCC had not received the audit letter and the top-ups referenced in the report, which she stated should have been in BCC's accounts by April.</u> Linda Hill (member of the public) responded suggesting that the statement was unhelpful. Unfortunately, this resulted in escalation to raised voices. The acting chair, Jerry, called the AGM meeting to order, stating that any further such behaviour would result in him adjourning the meeting until 17th October.	

Jerry then sought to answer the questions, stating that 1. he was reporting the position on the various top-ups and the apologies received from SLC, and not criticising, and 2. as far as both Admin and Clyde Windfarm funds are concerned, the delay in receipt of top-ups has not caused disadvantage as both 'accounts' currently hold funds, and both top-ups are expected next week.

5	**RATIFICATION/STATEMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS** Jerry stated that following Lesley's recent resignation of the Chair, current position holders are: Treasurer: Bobby Colquhoun, Secretary: Jerry Sumpster. Given the fact that the whole membership must resign prior to by-elections later this month, election of a new chair has not been pursued and SLC have agreed to office bearers holding more than one position in the interim (although the role of chair has been undertaken on rotation).	**FOR NOTING**
6	**RATIFICATION/ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION** With less than one month to go, this was deferred until the meeting of the new Biggar Community Council.	**FOR NOTING**
7	**DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE TO THE SOUTH LANARKSHIRE SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION** The most notable point under this heading was that at least one elected member of BCC felt unable to sign, specifically the code of conduct, on the basis that, as experienced in the last 12 months, the CC has no powers to take any action should a member be found in breach of the code.	**FOR NOTING**
8	**DATE OF NEXT AGM** With less than one month to go, this was deferred until the meeting of the new Biggar Community Council.	**TO BE AGREED BY NEW BCC MEMBERS**