

Draft Minute of the AGM/EGM of Biggar Community Council, 7 pm Monday 15th March 2021 via Zoom

1. Present/Apologies

Community Councillors: Lesley Craise (Chair), Janet Moxley (Treasurer), Laura Shirley, Jimmy Ritchie, Peter Rae.

Community Councillors-elect: Caz Alcorn, Gillian Gardner, Roger Curtis, Bobby Colquhoun, Jerry Sumpster.

Associate Members: Neil Ingram

Associate Members-elect: Ben Waine, Robin Laing, Anne Lindsay

Ex Officio members: Cllr Alex Allison, Cllr Ian McAllan

Apologies: Al Stewart (Assoc), Aileen Campbell (Ex-Officio), David Mundell (Ex-Officio)

2 members of the public were also in attendance.

2. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Last AGM 20/10/19

Minutes adopted with no matters arising.

4. Chair's Report on activity since last AGM.

A full transcript of the Chair's report and appendices is available (on Website or by request to any member of BCC). The appendices record the "Executive Decisions" made during the period that BCC was unable to meet on a face-to-face basis, in public.

Key points:

A difficult year due both directly and indirectly to the pandemic. Never-the-less a great deal was achieved over the year:

- BCC played a key, initial role in the set-up of the Biggar Community Action Group, which is now a separate entity.
- Three public consultations were completed.
- A Hustings was organised.
- BCC was instrumental in
 - The re-opening of the public toilets.
 - The agreement by BEAR to create an informal crossing at the foot of the town (not yet in place)
 - Commencement of a Winter Resilience plan
 - The resurfacing of the junction of Station Road with the A702

Over the year BCC continued to; administer micro-grants (including additional COVID specific micro-grants); report road defects; forge closer links with neighbouring community councils; keep abreast of planning issues.

This has been achieved against a backdrop of the resignation of three members mid-year and constraints on all Community Councils in South Lanarkshire (SLC) due to the outdated rules in the SLC Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils (The Scheme).

Lesley welcomed the changes to The Scheme now in place remove the immediate constraints on Community Councils, but urged that a full review of the scheme be undertaken as soon possible.

Lesley thanked both Peter Rae and Neil Ingram, who joined BCC as Co-opted and Associate members, respectively at a time when membership numbers were much reduced, and thanked them for helping to 'share the load'.

Closing the BCC year, Lesley expressed her thanks to all Community Councillors and Associate Members, to our SLC Councillors, Ian McAllan and Alex Allison and to the public, all of whom have played an important part during a difficult year. Lesley wished to particularly thank Thelma Ingram for all that she has done. Thelma sadly has recently resigned due to her deteriorating sight.

Looking to the future, Lesley reported that BCC was now up to its full compliment of 10 elected members, allowing BCC to focus energies on the coming year, specifically mentioning Community Led Action Plan consultations/creation.

There were no questions arising.

5. Treasurer's Report and Submission of Balance Sheet and Annual Accounts as at 31/03/2020

A full copy of the 2019/20 report and accounts is available (on Website or by request to any member of BCC).

These 'report and accounts' are for the Financial Year 2019/2020, as prepared by the previous Treasurer, Gil Dunn, whom Janet wished to thank.

The Report and Accounts were checked and accepted by SLC in early 2020, a summary of the balances held across the various accounts, as at 31st March 2020, follows:

Business Account:	£ 27.07
Clyde Windfarm Account:	£ 510.50
Incentive Account:	£1502.36

The Incentive Account held three funding streams:

Glenkerie Windfarm micro-grant fund	£743.92
Incentive Fund	£698.43
*Biggar Community Action Group	£ 60.01

* Biggar Community Action Group now has its own banking arrangements.

BCC Assets Register: 1 x Canon Printer and 4 x BCC Banners.

There were no questions on the Treasurers Report.

6. EGM item – election of new members and associate members of Biggar Community Council.

Resignation: Thelma Ingram

By-election of BCC members:

Caz Alcorn, Gillian Gardner, Roger Curtis, Bobby Colquhoun, Jerry Sumpster.

Peter Rae, previously a Co-opted member also now an elected member.

Election of Associate members:

Robin Laing, Ben Waine, Anne Lindsay

7. Election of Office Bearers.

With the exception of the Chair, who is elected for a period of four years, all other officers sit for a period of one year, accordingly:

Treasurer: Janet Moxley resigned (will complete the year end accounts 2020/21)

Jerry Sumpster will become the new Treasurer.

Proposed – Janet Moxley, Seconded – Lesley Craise

Secretary: Thelma having resigned, Janet Moxley will become the new Secretary.

Proposed – Lesley Craise, Seconded – Laura Shirley

8. Adoption of the Constitution.

All confirmed

9. Declaration of adherence to the South Lanarkshire Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils and associated documentation

All confirmed

10. Date of Next AGM – 18th October 2021

11. Future Business Meetings already published, on BCC Website, as third Monday each month.

AGM/EGM Meeting Closed