

LEITH LINKS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

AGM

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2020

6.30pm

online, via Microsoft Teams

Councillors Present: Gail Clapton (Treasurer), Abigail Cunningham, Angus Hardie, David Igoe, Andrew Mackenzie, Sally Millar (Secretary), Chrissie Reid, Jim Scanlon (Chair), Michael Traill (Engagement Officer).

Elected Representatives: Ben Macpherson MSP, Cllr Adam McVey, Cllr Gordon Munro, Tommy Sheppard MP.

In attendance: 2 members of the public.

Minute Taker: Kay Goodall.

1. Welcome

Acting Chair for the AGM, Cllr Munro, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP.

Chair proffered congratulations on behalf of LLCC and his Councillor colleagues to Jim Scanlon for the recent much-deserved award of an MBE for his community work in Leith, and also congratulated him as a local historian and for his work at DWP.

2. Adoption of Minutes of last AGM on Monday 27 May 2019

Proposed by Gail Clapton; seconded by Jim Scanlon. Available at <https://leithlinksc.org.uk/>

3. Presentation of Annual Report (incorporating Reports from Chair, Secretary & Engagement Officer)

This year's Annual Report contains reports by the Chair, Secretary and Engagement Officer, and leads of all the sub-committees, and provides a summary record of LLCC's work over the year. Chair observed that much has changed due to the pandemic, but LLCC has successfully moved online and has kept engaging with the community, also using the website and social media to good effect. Commenting on specific work in the year, Chair noted that campaigning on Seafeld sewage works, with Ben Macpherson MP's assistance, has led to additional funding for new sewage works.

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Secretary noted that sadly LLCC has had to forego the events where councillors meet members of the local community, this year. The pandemic has highlighted how disadvantaged people are if they lack access to digital technology. Similarly, there have been fewer opportunities for public scrutiny of planning applications, and there is much new development planned for our area, which has been a major work area for LLCC during the year,

4. Treasurer's Reports & Presentation of Accounts

LLCC has two bank accounts: the main one for the general running of LLCC, and a Project Account exclusively for £eith Chooses. Details for the main account are in the Annual Report. Main income was a grant of £737.74 from City of Edinburgh Council. The expenditure through the year included minutes, website, insurance, data protection, flyers for the AGM, and the Leith Festival Gala Day. LLCC also supported Leith Links Residents Association in its legal campaign on Seafield. The closing bank balance at 31 March 2020 was £2078.51.

Details of the Project Account: the only income was cash donations from Steering Group members and Community Councillors. All expenses were related to publicity and running the voting event. The closing bank balance at 31 March 2020 was £286.97, which has since reduced to £145.33.

5. Updates, Comments /Remarks, and Adoption of Annual Report(s)

Adoption of the Annual Report and the Accounts was proposed by Jim Scanlon and seconded by Chrissie Reid. It was adopted unanimously. Chair thanked Michael for producing the Annual Report in an attractive and readable format, and all the community councillors for all their contributions, bringing a wide range of knowledge and skills. Chair also thanked Sally and the team for their work on the very popular £eith Chooses events.

6. Election of office bearers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Engagement Officer). Vice- Chair.

Cllr Munro called for nominations. The newly-elected office bearers are:

Chair: Jim Scanlon. Nominated by Michael Traill; seconded by Gail Clapton.

Vice-Chair: Gail Clapton. Nominated by Michael Traill; seconded by Abigail Cunningham.

Secretary: Sally Millar. Nominated by David Igoe; seconded by Jim Scanlon.

Treasurer: Gail Clapton. Nominated by Sally; seconded by Jim Scanlon.

Engagement Officer: Michael Traill. Nominated by Jim Scanlon; seconded by Andrew Mackenzie.

All nominations were accepted and approved unanimously.

Congratulations were extended to all.

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7. LLCC representation at external groups

Meeting confirmed LLCC's representatives to the following groups:

Seafield Stakeholder Group: Jim Scanlon & Eileen Simpson.

EACC (Edinburgh Association of Community Councils): Jim Scanlon.

EBUG (Edinburgh Bus Users Group): Sally Millar.

CCTT (Community Councils Together on Trams): Andrew Mackenzie, Angus Hardie (Sally Millar as backup)

Leith Chooses: Sally Millar, Abigail Cunningham to shadow

Cockburn Civic Forum: Sally Millar, with Jim Scanlon & Andrew Mackenzie as alternants.

The AGM ended at 7.05pm. Cllr Munro handed over to the LLCC Chair, who welcomed councillors and attendees to the "ordinary" monthly LLCC meeting.

Date of Next AGM: 2021, date & time tbc.