

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EGM HELD AT THE VILLAGE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY
30 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM

Present:

Board Members: G Ash (Chairperson - In the Chair)
R Davy (Vice Chairperson)
D Hutchinson
A Hutton
S Graves
M Vass
A Balfour

Members Present: Keith Vass, Fiona Murray, Connie Mackenzie, Charles Murray,
Robert Flashman, Donald Peddie, Alan Morris, Alastair Smith,
Archie Roy, Robin Thomson, Val McNulty, Elspeth Posnett,
Rosemary Morris, Wylma Dunbar, Margaret Smith, Isabel Robertson,
John Gray, Sandra Sim, Joan MacDougall, Patsy Fischbacher, Martin Shields,
George Thom, Joan Hoggan, Pat Davy, Jennifer Maskell, James Sim,
Eric Strachan, Edward Pickard, Sheila Gray, Mike Fischbacher, Tom Turner,
Dick Arnold, Alastair Balfour, Blair Armstrong

Apologies from the Board: J Gregor
I Hamilton

Members Apologies: Elizabeth Normand, Helen Smith, Willie Oswald, Nikki Thomson, Jim Neill
Alan Dickson, Alan Sim

G Ash opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He explained the reasons for holding the EGM were that the Board had decided that the election of the Directors at the AGM had not been done strictly according to the Articles of Association and that it was not made clear enough that by approving the Business Plan the membership was also approving the Community Action Plan. Subsequent to that a letter had been received from six members which had been circulated to the membership by the Board. GA then invited the signatories of the letters which had been received regarding concerns at the operation of the Trust to explain their reasons for writing. A Smith, one of the signatories, stood up and said that they were of the opinion that the Trust was not constituted properly and also raised the issue of the Business Plan not being made available to the members. At this point R Flashman stood up and pointed out that there was too much negativity being expressed and not enough emphasis on the good works which had been carried out by the Trust. A Smith defended their right to pen the letter and at this point GA confirmed that he had been in touch with the DTAS who were supportive of what they were doing. GA asked Company Secretary Sue Graves to explain to the meeting her role in the Trust which she duly did and answered some of the queries from the floor. There was lengthy discussion from the floor around current business practice and previous SCDT practice. Following a suggestion that the meeting be postponed and all the Directors be re-elected, GA asked for a motion to be accepted that the meeting proceed and this was duly carried with a show of hands with a substantial majority.

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It was reported that two directors Robert Davy and Dai Hutchinson were standing down but were happy to offer themselves for re-election. Jim Sim proposed that they be re-elected and this was seconded by Blair Armstrong. The motion was carried by a substantial majority through a show of hands. Alan Hutton was currently co-opted as a member of the Board in his own right and not as an elected member from the Community Council. Both he and Ian Hamilton were offering themselves for re-election as directors. This was proposed by Fiona Murray and seconded by Keith Vass. Again the floor approved the election by a substantial majority with a show of hands.

Draft Business Plan/CAP

GA reported that the Business Plan was prepared some three years ago and was updated at the end of last year to include the ethos of the CAP. Members were advised in the May newsletter that the Business Plan was on the website and the CAP was added as an appendix. GA acknowledged that the Business Plan should have been circulated again to the members prior to the AGM but he was keen to have it approved at this meeting. Alastair Balfour proposed the adoption of the Business Plan/CAP and this was seconded by P Graves. The motion was carried by a substantial majority with a show of hands.

The meeting was then thrown open to the floor. A Roy raised the question of sub-groups and their responsibilities and GA explained that each sub-group had a relationship Director who reported back to the Board. RD explained that the Trust uses its expertise to help groups in any way they can. GA stressed that accountability is very important.

P Fischbacher questioned if paths should be included in the work of Greenheart. R Davy indicated that under the current remit paths are included.

K Vass asked the signatories of the letter if they had any concerns about improper behaviour by any SCDT Directors. A Smith replied that he was surprised that the question was asked. They had absolutely no concerns to raise in that respect.

As there was no other pertinent business on the night, GA closed the EGM with thanks to everyone for attending.

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