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Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

**Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 28th June 2017, 6.30 p.m.
The Station Hotel, Lovers Walk, Dumfries, DG1 1LT**

Members Present: Total 28 in person, 1 by proxy. Current membership is 66; therefore quorum of one third of members in attendance in person or by proxy was met.

David Lorimer	Carronbridge	Tony Hancock	Lochmaben
Gordon Glaser	Carronbridge	Sheila Farries	Lochside & Woodlands
Mike Steele	Closeburn	Helen Haggart	Lockerbie
Murdoch Macpherson	Dalton & Carrutherstown	Kenny Thompson	Wamphray
Ann Lockerbie	Dalton & Carrutherstown	Wullie Dalziel	Wamphray
Alistair MacFadzean	Dunscore	Russell Williamson	Terregles
Walter Patterson	Dunscore	Lindsay Florey	Torthorwald
Valerie McNeil	Glencairn	Mary Newbold	Tynron
Robin McEwer	Glencairn	Linda McDonald	Tynron
Richard Mann	Johnstone	David Booth	Moffat
Tom Halliday	Johnstone	Derek Cox	Moffat
Hugh Buck	Keir	Graham Anderson	Royal Four Towns
Richard Clarke	Keir	Christopher Craig	Thornhill
Alan Moores	Kirkmichael	John Magill	Ae Village

Apologies:

David Dick	Closeburn	Maureen Johnstone	Tinwald Parish
Jean Muir	Kirkmahoe (sent proxy)	Mary Newbold	Tynron
Fiona Cuthbertson	Penpont	Linda McTurk	Troqueer
Charles Ison	Templand & District	Derek Ivy	Kirkmahoe
Rab Jaekel	Templand & District	Amanda Anderson	Heathhall
Hazel Dutton	Kirkpatrick Juxta	Jim Renicks	Thornhill

In attendance:

Katie Nairn	Foundation Scotland
Laura Moodie	Foundation Scotland
Bill Meadows	Member of the public
David Howdle	Kirmahoe (Proxy for J. Muir)

The meeting commenced at 6:40pm.

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Comments and corrections were requested from the last minute. None were forthcoming. The minutes were therefore approved as an accurate record.

2. Report by the Chair on the activities of the Company

Martin Brown welcomed those present to the second ANCBC AGM and expressed pleasure at the ongoing sustainability of the company. He explained that the base of the company was planted in the 33 operating Community Councils, using their existing code of conduct and established rules, to continue the work of the Company for the 25 years that the Fund operates.

Since its formation and last year's AGM there were now two more established Community Councils in the area of benefit who have joined the company. This brings the total number of company members to 66.

Since the last AGM one Director has resigned, due to moving away from the area of benefit. Directors appointed to the Board since the last AGM were Sheila Farries, Helen Haggart, John Magill and David Booth. The bulk of the Board's task was to continue making decisions about the appropriateness of funding and how it benefits people in the area.

The annual Fund Report by Foundation Scotland was available to those present, as well as the final Accounts for 2016/17. The Annual Accounts have been inspected and approved by the Directors.

Martin explained that when ANCBC makes a grant, monies are ring-fenced until due. Foundation Scotland then distributes funds on to applicant groups once funding decisions are made and awards are claimed.

There was a large demand for grants in the first year due to extra funds from the construction stage of the wind farm. The fund was oversubscribed at every stage of the process, regularly receiving more applications than there were funds available to distribute.

The Grant Map in Foundation Scotland's Annual Fund Report, gave an impression of where funds have been distributed, with a concentration of grants in Dumfries due to its population size. The report also included examples of projects funded and the related impact to the community. Projects have been kick-started in ways that would not have been possible without these funds being available.

ANCBC continues to report to Scottish Power Renewables on a regular basis. Both Foundation Scotland's Annual Fund Reports and Award Summary Reports are available on the ANCBC website so anyone from the community can access a report of grants awarded and their impact. ANCBC continues to be as accessible as possible and to maintain a clear and open record of the Company's activities.

Martin thanked both Scottish Power Renewables and Foundation Scotland for all the work they had done for the company in this period.

Katie Nairn requested that anyone who wished to see a signed copy of the accounts to get in touch with Foundation Scotland.

3. A financial report by the Treasurer on the financial activities of the company

Richard Mann presented the financial report to the year end in March 2017.

£308,000 was been received by the Company with £271,101.25 spent. The year ended with a balance of £80,896.42.

The Fund was index linked and the next tranche of funding would be released in August. New letters would then be sent to Community Councils offering £2,000 for the ANCBC Community Council Local Grants scheme. The very first Local Grant of £4,000 was given to communities at the start of the Company. That grant had no time limit, though the Board would ask for updates on that until it is spent. The £2,000 Local Grant funding is granted to communities in the autumn of each year if the previous award has been spent and reported on.

The Board continues to ensure that at least 70% of the funds per year are spent in the community.

Martin thanked Richard Mann for stepping in unexpectedly as Treasurer part-way through the financial year. And expressed the Board's appreciation at the time he has dedicated at such short notice.

Richard would be formally relieved of this post at the next Board meeting and Helen Haggart has volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer.

4. The election / re-election of Directors

In observance of the Company's governance rules, the four new directors appointed earlier in the year (David Booth, John Magill, Helen Haggart and Sheila Farries) stood down and were formally reappointed through a clear majority of shown hands.

Richard Clarke wished to resign his directorship. Martin thanked Richard for his interest and enthusiasm for the Company and his useful comments.

Russell Stuart stood down and was re-elected through a clear majority of shown hands.

There were two new nominations for the Board of Directors – Mike Steele (Closeburn) and Hugh Buck (Keir).

There was a feeling amongst the Directors that there should be no more than one rep from each community on the Board to maintain balance, however, there has always been a vacancy in the west for at least one Director.

Mike Steele of Closeburn was involved in forming the company and has experience of community benefit funding. His election would mean two Directors from Closeburn.

Should anyone else from the West come forward as a Director, Mike Steele would happily stand down. It is an anomaly to fill a space that has been empty for some time and the Board was very happy to accept Director nominations during the year.

A clear majority of shown hands elected both Mike Steele and Hugh Buck to the Board as Directors.

5. Any Other Business

Question from floor (Graham Anderson, Royal Four Towns): If only £1,000 of our Local Grant money was used this year, do we have a claim on £3,000 in future?

No. £2,000 is awarded each year. Funds are not topped up until all that money is used. All those present were encouraged to ensure their community council's money is spent by the end of August. Funds can be allocated to an existing project but not yet paid to community group / individual.

No further comments or questions were raised from the floor.

Martin thanked those present for taking the time to come to the meeting and brought the meeting to a close at 7:15pm.