



Annandale & Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 21st September 2021, 6.30 p.m. by Zoom Videoconference

Members Present: Total 20 in person. Current membership is 58; therefore, quorum of one quarter of members in attendance in person or by proxy was met. (NB: ANCBC Directors in bold)

Alistair MacFadzean	Dunscore	Carol Rogerson	Lochmaben & District
Hugh Taylor	Glencairn	Helen Haggart	Lockerbie
Judith Saurberlich	Heathhall	David Booth	Moffat
Russell Stuart	Heathhall	Leys Geddes	Moffat
Robert Gladstone	Keir	Mark Smith	Mouswald
Alice Howdle	Kirkmahoe	Alice Stilgoe	Penpont
Irene Paterson	Kirkmahoe	Graham Anderson	Royal Four Towns
Hazel Dutton	Kirkpatrick-Juxta	Linda McDonald	Tynron
Angus Hoban	Kirkmichael	Helen Braid	Wamphray
Robert Murray	Lochmaben & District	Kenny Thompson	Wamphray

Apologies:

John Magill	Ae Village	William Farries	Lochside & Woodlands
James Macdonald	Ae Village	Michelle Johnston	Lochside & Woodlands
Ruth Ashton-Shaw	Auldgirith & District	Jan Andrews	Lockerbie
David Lorimer	Carronbridge	Andrew Bixler	Loreburn
Paul Fergusson	Carronbridge	Robin SJ Wishart	Loreburn
David Dick (proxy)	Closeburn	Steven Forsyth	Mouswald
Mike Steele	Closeburn	Fiona Cuthbertson	Penpont
Murdoch McPherson	Dalton & Carrutherstown	Michael Cosham	Royal Four Towns
Rory MacKail	Dalton & Carrutherstown	Helen Davison	Templand & District
Walter Patterson	Dunscore	Charles Ison	Templand & District
John Furlonger	Eskdalemuir	Anne Radley	Terregles
Nicholas Jennings	Eskdalemuir	Russell Williamson	Terregles
Moira McCrossan	Glencairn	Jim Renicks	Thornhill
Amanda Anderson	Heathhall	Maureen Johnstone	Tinwald Parish
Sharon Hiddleston	Irongray	Roy Stairmand	Tinwald Parish
Ian Bryden	Irongray	Gail Currie	Troqueer Landward
David Roulston	Kirkmichael	Linda McTurk	Troqueer Landward
Derek Gemmell	Lincluden	Mary Newbould	Tynron
Afton McFarlane	Lincluden		

In attendance:

Gillian Arnot	ScottishPower Renewables
ClIr Stephen Thompson	Observer
Sam Bramwell	Foundation Scotland
Suzy Mercer	Foundation Scotland

The meeting commenced at 6:35pm.

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1. Welcome and apologies, guidance on the technical aspects of the meeting including voting arrangements

The Chair, Russell Stuart, welcomed all to the meeting and the apologies received were listed. Foundation Scotland gave guidance on the technical aspects of a meeting by Zoom including how voting would be conducted.

2. Annual General Meeting

Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 AGM and matters arising.

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the 2020 AGM.

An update on the progress of the Harestanes South Windfarm Extension was given by Gillian Arnot under matters arising.

There were no further matters arising.

A report by the Chair on the activities of the Company

The Chair presented a report on the Fund's activities in the last financial year, including a dedication to the passion and commitment of Martin Brown, founder and Chair of ANCBC who passed away in April 2021; an update on local grants; what had been achieved since the Company started distributing funds; and how ANCBC funding has supported communities during the challenging times of the pandemic. The Chair expressed his thanks to ScottishPower Renewables, Foundation Scotland, Cllr Stephen Thompson and the Directors and Members of ANCBC.

Findings of the ANCBC Fund Review

The Chair presented a report on the findings of the Fund Review which had taken place during 2021. The process included conducting surveys with members and with applicants and grantees in March; an analysis of grant-making over the last six years; a workshop held in April for Board members, Foundation Scotland and SPR to consider survey results and analysis; the setting up of a sub-committee of the Board to take forward actions from the workshop including changes to ANCBC documentation, arrangements, processes and procedures; and an Extraordinary Planning Meeting held in August to agree the implementation of proposed changes. The Chair gave special thanks to the members of the sub-committee, Mike Steele and Moira McCrossan and to Foundation Scotland for their work to support the Fund Review.

The Chair reported that a number of actions from the Fund Review had now been implemented, such as a change in match funding requirements – no match funding is now needed for grant requests to the main fund between £500 and £2,000; and that ANCBC

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application information and guidance had been amended to make it clearer for applicants. Other actions would be implemented in the coming months.

A financial report by the Treasurer on the financial activities of the Company

The accounts have been audited, approved and presented to Companies House and HMRC.

Approval of accountancy services

During the summer months a tendering of accountancy and independent examination services had taken place. The Chair noted that this was in no way a reflection on the services of Farries, Kirk & McVean but had taken place as part of the Fund Review and gave particular thanks to Rodney Palmer for his services to ANCBC over the last six years. Saint & Co were approved as the new providers of accountancy and independent examination services for ANCBC going forward.

Election / re-election of Directors

The Chair acknowledged the resignation of himself (Heathhall) and of Mike Steele (Closeburn) as directors. The death of Martin Brown has also created a vacancy on the Board. One nomination had been received within the AGM deadline, from David Roulston (Kirkmichael). David Roulston was elected as a director for the East area by a substantial majority.

Election / re-election of Office Bearers

The directors elected the office bearers. David Booth (Moffat) as Chair, Robert Gladstone (Keir) as Vice-Chair and Helen Haggart (Lockerbie) as Treasurer. FS remains the secretariat.

Co-option of Director

One nomination had been received from Alice Stilgoe (Penpont) after the AGM deadline as resignation of Mike Steele. Alice introduced herself. The directors by a majority co-opted Alice Stilgoe for the West area as a director under Article 73 of the Articles of Association.

3. Memorial to Martin Brown

David Booth, as the new ANCBC Chair, described the Board's proposal that for the lifetime of the Fund, ANCBC will give every primary school leaver (P7) in Beattock and Moffat Primary Schools a £20 index-linked book voucher, or a book, in which there will be a Martin Brown Award sticker. The Board sees this as a fitting memorial for Martin's name in his local community to live on whilst focusing on education which was dear to Martin's heart.

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4. Any other business

Gillian Arnot gave thanks to the Board, Foundation Scotland and everyone else who has been involved in ANCBC over the past year. She noted SPR's appreciation of Martin's efforts over the years, he was very much an advocate and worked on behalf of all the communities. It was, therefore, fitting that Board had decided to put in place an ANCBC memorial for Martin.

David Booth thanked Russell Stuart for all his work as Chair, Foundation Scotland and ScottishPower Renewables.

There was a question from Irene Paterson asking if the £2,000 Local Grant to eligible Community Councils to support recovery from Covid-19 could be extended as there was increasing demand from community groups for support. It was agreed to send an email to the Directors confirming their support to extend the £2,000 Local Grant and that members would be informed of this via a Members Update in the next few weeks.

The meeting was brought to a close at 7.13pm. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and attention.