

**Annandale & Nithsdale Community Benefit Company**

**Annual General Meeting  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 6.30 p.m. by Zoom Videoconference**

**Members Present:** Total 19. Current membership is 55; therefore, quorum of one quarter of members in attendance in person or by proxy was met. (NB: ANCBC Directors in bold)

Calum Rafferty	Ae	Sylvia Marshall	Kirkmichael
Tarnia Goodsell	Ae	<b>Franca Bruno</b>	Kirkpatrick Juxta
David Dick	Closeburn	Robert Murray	Lochmaben & District
Mike Steele	Closeburn	Carys Mainprize	Lochmaben & District
<b>Hugh Taylor</b>	Glencairn	<b>David Booth</b>	Moffat
Judith Saurberlich	Heathhall	<b>Liam O'Neill</b>	Moffat
Keith Higham	Heathhall	<b>Alice Stilgoe</b>	Penpont
<b>Robert Gladstone</b>	Keir	<b>Robert Watson</b>	Torthorwald
Dr Catherine Nesbitt	Kingholm Quay	Linda McDonald	Tynron
Irene Paterson	Kirkmahoe		

**Apologies:**

Ruth Ashton-Shaw	Auldgirth & District	Steven Forsyth	Mouswald
David Lorimer	Carronbridge	Fiona Cuthbertson	Penpont
Paul Fergusson	Carronbridge	Clare Rogerson	North Milk
Murdoch McPherson	Dalton & Carrutherstown	Faye Wingfield	North Milk
Sandra Marshall	Dalton & Carrutherstown	Graham Anderson	Royal Four Towns
Alistair McFadzean	Dunscore	Ian Collinson	Royal Four Towns
Walter Patterson	Dunscore	Helen Davison	Templand & District
John Furlonger	Eskdalemuir	Charles Ison	Templand & District
Nicholas Jennings	Eskdalemuir	Jim Renicks	Thornhill
Iain Mitchell	Irongray	Adam Zdravkovic	Thornhill
Susan MacRae	Kingholm Quay	Nicola Hyslop	Tinwald Parish
Alice Howdle	Kirkmahoe	John Paterson	Tinwald Parish
Hazel Dutton	Kirkpatrick Juxta	Sheila Clingan	Terregles
Jan Andrews	Lockerbie	Lynda Lammin-Simpson	Terregles
Helen Haggart	Lockerbie	Norman Brydson	Torthorwald
<b>David McKie</b>	Lochside & Woodlands	Mary Newbould	Tynron
Robin SJ Wishart	Loreburn	Kenny Thompson	Wamphray
Mark Smith	Mouswald	Helen Braid	Wamphray

**In attendance:**

Amy Aitken	ScottishPower Renewables
CLlr Stephen Thompson	Observer
Sam Bramwell	Foundation Scotland

The meeting commenced at 6:40pm.

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

The Chair, David Booth welcomed all to the meeting and the apologies received were listed. Foundation Scotland gave guidance how voting would be conducted via Zoom.

**2. Annual General Meeting**

**Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM and matters arising.**

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the 2022 AGM.

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 an update on grants awarded under the main fund; an update on local grants; the role of the directors, and how ANCBC funding has supported communities since the pandemic. The Chair expressed his thanks to ScottishPower Renewables (SPR), Foundation Scotland, the ANCBC communities', directors, and members.

Forty-five applications had been received into the main fund during the year with 39 awards made totalling £378,787. Large grants of around £20,000 were awarded to seven organisations. Twenty-five out of 30 eligible community councils claimed their local grant allocation of up to £2,000 during the year and £50,000 in total was allocated to local grants.

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

In Helen Haggart's absence, Sam Bramwell reported on the financial activities of the Company. The accounts have been independently examined, approved by the membership, and will be presented to Companies House and HMRC after the AGM.

**Election / Re-election of Directors**

There can be a total of up to 12 directors on the ANCBC Board at any one time. There are four spaces for each area (East, South and West).

After the 2022 AGM there were two director vacancies in the South, one vacancy in the East and one vacancy in the West. Franca Bruno (Kirkpatrick Juxta) was co-opted as a director for the East area in May 2023.

Helen Haggart (Lockerbie & District) stood down as Treasurer and as a director for the East.

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As a co-opted director, Franca Bruno has stepped down as required by the ANCBC Articles of Association. Franca submitted a nomination to stand for election at the AGM.

In addition, of the remaining directors, one third also retired from office at the AGM as required by the Articles of Association. David Booth retired. David submitted a nomination to stand for re-election at the AGM.

Franca Bruno was elected, and David Booth was re-elected as directors by the members with no objections.

### **Election / Re-election of Office Bearers**

The directors elected the office bearers. David Booth (Moffat) as Chair, Robert Gladstone (Keir) as Vice-Chair. There were no nominations for Treasurer, and it was agreed that this will be taken as an agenda item for discussion to the next ANCBC Board meeting in October. Foundation Scotland remains the secretariat.

### **4. Any other business**

Amy Aitken, SPR gave an update on the Harestanes South and West Windfarm Extensions.

Harestanes South Windfarm Extension. An S36 planning application has been submitted to the Scottish Governments Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for an extension of eight turbines to add 45 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity to the existing operational Harestanes Windfarm. Community benefits to be of the value equivalent to £5,000 per installed MW per annum, so potentially £225,000 per year.

Harestanes West Windfarm Extension. At pre-application and scoping stage with the intention of submitting an application by spring 2024. Extension to the west of the operational Harestanes Windfarm in the Forest Estate of Ae. Proposed are 13 turbines with generating capacity of 78 MW. Community benefits to be of the value equivalent to £5,000 per installed MW per annum, so potentially £390,000 per year.

Public Information Events have been held during June 2023 at Auldgirth Community Hall and Dalswinton Village Hall and further events were initially planned for Autumn 2023, but these have been delayed to early 2024 and SPR will provide details of these once dates, times and venues have been confirmed.

Mike Steele (Closeburn) noted that a Public Information Event had been arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Closeburn Village Hall and all were welcome to attend.

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Tarnia Goodsell (Ae) reported that Ae Community Council had requested a Public Information Event be held in Ae but that a venue could not be confirmed yet and were awaiting a response from SPR. Amy Aitken replied that SPR would pick this up and respond immediately.

David Booth reiterated that the Treasurer role would be supported by Foundation Scotland and that the scope of the position would be discussed in detail at the next Board meeting.

Franca Bruno asked that she receive AGM papers by post in future. Sam Bramwell responded that AGM papers could be posted to anyone who wanted to receive them in hard copy rather than by email upon request.

There was no other business.

The meeting was ended at 7.23pm. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and attention.