

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 23rd January 2025, 6.30 p.m. by Zoom Videoconference

Members Present: Total 20. Current membership is 56; therefore, quorum of (14) one quarter of members in attendance in person or by proxy was met. (NB: ANCBC Directors in bold)

Member	Community Council	Member	Community Council
Hazel Dutton	Kirkpatrick-Juxta	Calum Rafferty	Ae
Franca Bruno	Kirkpatrick-Juxta	Judith Sauberlich	Heathhall
Carys Mainprize	Lochmaben & District	Linda Goldie	Mouswald
David Booth	Moffat	Katy Duncan	Tynron
Liam O'Neill	Moffat	Anna McDonald	Tynron
Kenny Thomson	Wamphray	David Dick	Closeburn
Helen Braid	Wamphray	Linda Corrway	Keir
Ian White	Kirkmahoe	Dr Catherine Nesbitt present by proxy	Kingholm Quay
Alice Howdle present by proxy	Kirkmahoe	Mike Steele present by proxy	Closeburn
Norman Brydson present by proxy	Torthorwald	Robert Watson present by proxy	Torthorwald

Apologies:

Member	Community Council	Member	Community Council
Helen Haggart	Lockerbie	Nicola Hyslop	Tinwald Parish
Robert Gladstone	Keir		

In attendance:

Amy Aitken	ScottishPower Renewables
Lorna MacDonald	Foundation Scotland
Suzy Mercer	Foundation Scotland

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, David Booth welcomed all to the meeting and the apologies received were listed.

2. Annual General Meeting

Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM and matters arising.

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the 2023 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.

ANCBC continued to distribute local grants, which go directly to community councils, and from which they can develop their own projects or make onward grants to groups within their communities. The grants are now set at £4,000 per community council. £108,000 in local grants were distributed to 27 community councils during the year.

Between April 2023 and March 2024, ANCBC distributed a further £359,852.00 through open grant-making. Awards were made to 32 local groups. Of these, 10 awards were between £500 and £5,000 and 22 awards were between £5,001 and £20,000.

ANCBC commissioned a production company to create a vibrant collection of films and photographs telling visual stories of the impact ANCBC funding has on grassroots community efforts to larger-scale projects. A selection of photographs was shared demonstrating how visual storytelling can bring projects to life, allowing audiences to see the dedication and passion of the people behind them.

A financial report by Lorna MacDonald, Foundation Scotland on the financial activities of the Company

The accounts have been independently examined by Saint & Co, approved by the directors and presented to members. These have also been lodged with Companies House and HMRC within the required time. Income during 2023/24 was £422,516 and expenditure £508,206 resulting in a fund balance of £121,410 at 31st March 2024.

Franca Bruno asked for breakdown of amounts awarded by Community Council area. Information was not readily available during this meeting however Suzy Mercer advised this had been distributed during Fund Review.

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 4 spaces for each area (East, South and West). After the 2023 AGM there were 3 director vacancies in the South, 1 vacancy in the East and 1 vacancy in the West.

At each annual general meeting one third (3) shall retire from office.



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1. Robert Gladstone (west) submitted resignation
2. Hugh Taylor (west) submitted resignation
3. David McKie (south)

The remaining directors are happy to stand for the coming year therefore this does not need to be voted on.

The following Director nominations were approved by members in attendance.

1. Ian White (West)
2. Helen Haggart (East)

There are now 4 vacancies, 3 in the South and 1 in the West.

Elections of Officer Bearers

At the next Board meeting, the directors will elect from among themselves a Chair and Treasurer. Foundation Scotland remains the secretariat.

4. Any other business

Franca Bruno enquired as to when the video recording at Beattock would take place. Suzy informed the meeting that the project had been delayed although videography work had been completed as per agreement. Photography for the three remaining projects and editing are expected to be completed shortly.

3 projects Amy Aitken, SPR thanked ANCBC and Foundation Scotland for their work distributing Community Benefit

David Booth spoke of his desire to better engage with communities in sharing the impact of ANCBC work and the board would be giving this more consideration in the coming year.

Liam requested that a note of thanks be formally recorded in respect of the support provided by Foundation Scotland and the current and previous staff.

There was no other business.

The meeting was ended at 6.47pm. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and attention.