Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

11th December 2013, 7:30 p.m. at Birse Community Hall

Committee Members present: Richard Wright (Chair), Norman Kellas, Jane Winton, David Winton (Treasurer), Stuart McConnach, Rick Paul (Secretary)

In Attendance: Michael Eke, Doug Boyle.

Apologies: Anne Paul, Catherine Paul, Gareth Wright, Sam Wright, Jenni Eke, Robert Dinnie Snr, Robert Dinnie Jnr, Dorothy Dinnie, Ellie Flather.

1. Introduction, AOB and Apologies for Absence.
   - The Secretary welcomed those attending and noted three items for AOB, and nine apologies.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM.
   - The previous AGM minutes were accepted as correct. The minutes were proposed by ME and seconded by JW.

3. Matters Arising (not dealt with elsewhere).
   - Traffic Problems. It was noted that RP had raised the issue of passing spaces with Aberdeenshire Council but no response has been received.
   - It was noted that BCA is fully functioning, but no progress has been made regarding Ballogie Hall.

   - Balfour Forest. Foggage Road. BTCo is clearing the track (Doug Boyle) - Jim Reid has almost completed building the path.
   - In May, RP attended BCT’s Annual General Meeting on behalf of BACA
   - In August BACA held its BBQ at the hall with the McConnachs generously allowing us to use the Glebe park. Around 60 folk attended and devoured numerous burgers and hot dogs from the BBQ. Children’s games were followed by the annual rounders competition, which was enjoyed by all. A grand raffle completed a most enjoyable day. Many thanks to all who participated.
- Also in August, RW and RP attended a BCT/ETBK/BACA meeting in the hall (minutes previously circulated).
- After the Remembrance Service at Corsedardar earlier last month, a further service was held at Birse Kirk. It was well attended with 40 people being served tea and pancakes by Dorothy Dinnie in our hall afterwards.
- Also in November, RW represented BACA at a Birse Parish Liaison Meeting hosted by BCT and attended by local Community Council and Community Association members.
- The graveyard extension, now solely a Council project, has been approved by Aberdeenshire Council Planning Department, who have now surveyed the site. Fencing has been erected.
- The hall is still in regular use for pilates classes, Dunecht rents, and ETBK events.
- Finally, the Chairman took the opportunity to thank all who contributed their free time to ensure BACA had another successful year.

This concluded the Chairman’s report and the Treasurer was asked to give the financial report to the meeting.

5 Treasurer’s Report.
- BACA’s finances again show a modest improvement on last year’s figures. Utilities and insurance are both up to date. The Treasurer was thanked for his report.

- The current committee members were all willing to be re-elected. They were proposed by ME and seconded by DB. The committee members for 2014 are therefore:-
  Richard Wright (Chair)
  David Winton (Treasurer)
  Rick Paul (Secretary)
  Stuart McConnach
  Jane Winton
  Norman Kellas

7 Any Other Business.
- NK reported that James Jones is still thinning on the top of Birsemore Hill.
- ME reported that Neighbourhood Watch is up and running, and signs will be going up shortly.
- The committee decided to hold the Annual Barbecue on June 28th 2014.

There being no further business, RW thanked all those present for their attendance and closed the meeting,

A vote of thanks was moved for the committee.