



## Birse Area Community Association

### Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 7:30 p.m. at Birse Community Hall

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

**Apologies:** Anne Paul, Zoe Paul, Gareth Wright, Sam Wright, Lewis McLeod-Slater, Robert Dinnie, Dorothy Dinnie, Ellie Flather, Scott Duthie, Sally Duthie.

**1. Introduction, AOB and Apologies for Absence.**

-The Chairman welcomed those attending, noted six items for AOB and ten apologies.

**2. Minutes of Previous AGM.**

- Rick Paul asked for approval of the minutes of last year's AGM held on 1st December 2016. Approval was proposed by David Winton and seconded by Doug Boyle.

**3. Matters Arising (not dealt with elsewhere).**

- None

**4. Chairman's Report.**

- In February, the hall was used for an SAC Flood meeting.
- In May, Doug, Jane and Rick attended BCT's Annual General Meeting in Finzean Hall.
- Also in May, B2C2 generously replaced the electrode pads and battery in our defibrillator.
- In June we held our annual BBQ at the hall. There were games for old and young and a grand raffle completed a most enjoyable day. Many thanks to all who participated.
- In August, Richard, Doug and Rick attended a BCT/ETBK/BACA meeting in the hall (minutes previously circulated).
- In November, Jane, Doug and Rick for BACA, and David for B2C2 attended a Birse Parish Liaison Meeting hosted by BCT and attended by local Community Council and Community Association members.
- After the Remembrance Service at Corsedardar in November, a further service was held at Birse Kirk. 24 people were pleased to be served tea and cakes by Dorothy Dinnie in our hall afterwards.

- The Hall was used 65 times in the last year. Anne's pilates classes accounted for 47, the remainder comprising: an SAC Flood meeting, B2C2, BTCo, ETBK, BPLG and BCT meetings, Dunecht rents, BACA BBQ, Remembrance, a wedding and a funeral, and two Table Tennis/Social evenings.
- We now have a new microwave cooker courtesy of B2C2, and a new Hoover from the estate of the late Betty Kinneburgh.
- Aberdeenshire Council have approved building a new passing place between Oldyleiper and Mains of Balfour later in the year. Thanks to B2C2 for facilitating this.
- 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.**

- The Treasurer reported that BACA's finances show a modest improvement on last year's figures and that electricity and insurance payments are both up to date. The Treasurer was thanked for his report.

#### **6. Election of Committee Members for 2018.**

- The current committee members were all willing to be re-elected. The committee members for 2018 are therefore:-

Richard Wright (Chair)  
 David Winton (Treasurer)  
 Stuart McConnach  
 Jane Winton  
 Norman Kellas  
 Doug Boyle  
 Rick Paul (Secretary)

#### **7. Date for BBQ.**

- The annual BBQ will be held on Saturday 2nd June 2018 from 2 - 6 p.m.

#### **8. Any Other Business.**

- Rick Paul was asked to check if the defibrillator on the outside wall of the hall is insured.
- Rick Paul was asked to contact Ian Kinneburgh to ask if he thinks a memorial plaque at the hall in memory of Rev Betty Kinneburgh would be appropriate.
- Jane Winton reported that the South Deeside Road by The Haugh is due to be resurfaced in 2018.
- Doug Boyle suggested that Birse could benefit from its own notice board. Members thought that it may be possible to incorporate it on the Hall sign, soon to be reinstated.
- David Winton was asked to raise the question of masking the new graveyard bunker with some form of shrubbery at the next B2C2 meeting.
- Norman Kellas reported that various tree-felling operations are planned for 2018, most notably clear-fell opposite Waterside.

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