

Finzean Community Association – 42nd A.G.M

Tuesday 21st June 2016 at Finzean Village Hall

Present (10) - Alan Bennett, Helen Bilsby, Sarah Cocker, Roy Cowie, Catriona Farquharson, Guy Haslam, Wendy Hector, Kerry Hector, Donna Thow, June Whyte

Apologies (13): Jane Bennett, Neil Christie, Heather Cowie, Donald Farquharson, Emma Forster, Betty and Doug Gray, Jean Haslam, David Hector, John Hector, Casper Knudson, Craig Thow, Colin Whyte.

1. The 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Finzean Community Association (FCA) was held in Finzean Village Hall on Tuesday 21st June 2016 at 7.30pm. Alan Bennett (Chairman) presided and welcomed all those present.

2. The minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2015 were circulated to all present. As no matters were raised, the minutes were proposed by June Whyte and seconded by Guy Haslam

3. Chairman's Report.

Alan advised all present that the great community spirit continues and that we have experienced another successful and busy year, with a record breaking bonfire and firework night. A well supported Annual Finzean Ball, the survival of The Banchory Academy Leavers party, The Flood relief ceilidh. The School's annual Burns night, several music gigs and POOT plays. Finzean Community Association also celebrated its 40th Birthday with a family picnic in the beautiful back drop of Finzean House. Alan wanted to take the opportunity to pass on his thanks to everyone for making Finzean somewhere to be proud of living. He explained that the FCA committee members play a key role and their support and enthusiasm make community events such a success, but without the community's support these events would be unnecessary.

Alan advised that 40 people within the community were now trained in the use of the defibrillator and it's hoped to hold more training in the near future. Ideally 25% of the local community should be trained to use it.

Alan thanked Helen Bilsby for her continual daily hall management, Hector Riddell for the splendid array for colour outside the hall and all the gardening work he continues to carryout. Alan thanked Arlene Knudson and Emma Forster for all their work in complying "The Rabbit", which keeps the community up to date with local news and events, twice yearly.

Alan thanked Wendy Hector and Donna Thow for their continued help and support and all the members of the Community Association.

Alan outlined some of the plans for the forthcoming year. These include the possible tarring of the remaining area of the hall car park, The redecoration of the hall, as it's looking a bit tired, The simplifying and relocation of the sound system and the renewal of the extractor fan in the kitchen, at present the existing fan is not working and under new legislation it no longer meets the current requirements.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Alan advised everyone present that a copy of the years accounts were attached to last year's minutes. He explained that there were several different accounts held by FCA and he gave those present a moment to look through the accounts, before asking Wendy Hector to summaries them.

Wendy explained that the hall lets were similar to last year. The oil usage was roughly the same. Maintenance costs were up slightly, as down spouts needing fixing, slabbing had to be repaired and the high beams in the hall required professional cleaning.

The cost of the senior citizens party had risen, but this was due to the children needing to be transported to the hall by bus. The cost of which was spilt with the school.

As Alan mentioned we had another record breaking bonfire night, and this is largely due to the generosity of the sponsors. So a big thank you to all concerned.

Wendy also advised that the Flood relief ceilidh had raised a massive £4000.00, this has been spilt equally with The Tarland Trials, Aboyne Rotary Club, The River Dee Trust and The Ballater Charitable Chiels all receiving £1000.00.

Wendy explained that the sheltered housing account was held in FCA name but was solely used to purchase items requested by the sheltered housing residents.

Guy advised that the Graveyard account is used for the upkeep and improvements in the graveyard. The money donated from the community following the death of John Forster, had been used to purchase a memorial bench.

Wendy also thanked Sarah England who helped to comply the accounts

Alan thanked Wendy for her continued support and hard work over the last 14 years.

5. Election of Community Members

Alan Bennett advised that all community members are to remain the same this year

Community members are: - Alan Bennett, Roy Cowie, Casper Knudson, Wendy Hector and Donna Thow.

6. Community Group Representatives

Alan advised those present of the community group representatives:-

These would be:-

- Badminton Club - June Whyte
- Dancing Class - Hector Riddell
- Under 5's - Lynne Gordon
- Friendship Club - Betty Gray
- WRI - Kerry Hector
- Football Club - Neil Christie
- POOT - Helen Bilsby
- Parent Council - Liz Clark
- Church - Catriona Farquharson
- Choir - Emma Forster

These Representatives are correct at the time of the meeting, but changes could occur over the summer. All reps will be confirmed at the start of next session.

7. Any other business

A member of the community commented on the poor broadband signal and ask if there was anything that could be done as a community. It was agreed to pass this matter on to the Community Council who could bring it up with the local MP's.

It was also suggested that everyone should check and record their broadband speeds several time s a day, for several days, to provide evidence to the councillors if necessary.

Guy advised that an application had been lodged for a new wind farm at Glen Dye – he has urged all members of the community to lodge comments on the web site as this could help if compensation payments are to be paid to local communities

Alan thanked everyone for attending the AGM and asked all present to stay for complimentary cheese and wine.