

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AGM OF PARISH OF STOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN FOUNTAINHALL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 7th MARCH 2011 AT 7.30PM

Those Present: D. Muir, N. Muncaster, I. Peacock, I. Anderson, J. Muslin, T. Millar, Cllr. Lackenby, Cllr. John Mitchell, Cllr. S. Aitchison.

Apologies – G. Saunders, A. McNeilly.

The minutes of the last AGM were approved. Proposed: D. Muir. Seconded: I. Peacock.

Chairman's Report

There has been no progress on the Royal Hotel. Some excellent repairs have been done on Station Road pavements in Stow. Repairs have also been carried out on the Station Road, Fountainhall. The pavement around the War Memorial has been re-surfaced and there is now gravel on Cotland Path.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts are operated as single non-restricted fund and 4 restricted virtual accounts viz: website, archive, Christmas tree fund and new Stow Community Foundation Fund.

The bridge has been repaired on the supporting wall but more is going to go shortly. The matter is with flood prevention. Negotiations have started with Vicky McGee of Web Advantage to take over the website with a local person responsible for the site. We need to determine how to take forward the move of the website back to Stow.

Archive – the latest grant will create a new environment in the Town Hall reading room for the archive. The group is becoming a separately constituted group and will take over management of their own funds, completely separately from the Community Council account.

The Christmas tree fund was established through the generous donation from Stow Playgroup. It is for the purchase of a Christmas tree each year. Stow Community Foundation Fund has been set up to manage the £1,000 grant given to the Community Council for small projects (under £250) in the village.

Non-restricted funds. This amounts to £286.77 but the bill for printing the newsletter is to be paid before the end of the financial year. The actual available funds at the end of the financial year will be £200.

It was commented on that the electricity bill of £17.48 for the Christmas tree lights shows that the new lights are energy efficient.

It was suggested that the Treasurer should provide the Secretary with stamps and stationery for Community Council business.

Those present expressed their thanks to the Treasurer.

The Secretary wished to record her thanks to all who help her, especially Gordon and Jennifer Saunders and Diana Muir.

Appointment of Office Bearers

The previous Chairman, Ian Anderson, announced his wish to resign.

Diana Muir was elected as Chairperson. Proposed: I. Anderson. Seconded: I. Peacock.

Gordon Saunders was elected as Vice-Chairman. Proposed: I. Peacock. Seconded: J. Mushlin.

Jenny Mushlin was elected as Secretary. Proposed: D. Muir. Seconded: I Peacock.

Alan McNeilly was elected as Treasurer. Proposed: J. Mushlin. Seconded: D. Muir.

There was no further business.