AGM OF PARISH OF STOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN STOW PARISH CHURCH ON SEPTEMBER 5th 2016 at 7.20 pm:

Present: D Muir (Chair), J Mackenzie (Deputy Chair), C Hendry, S Jeffrey, A McNeilly

(Treasurer), A Riddell, T Miller, Cllr Aitchison, N Hodgson,

Apologies: J Mushlin, I Peacock, Cllrs Mitchell & White, R Murphy

Chairman's report:

The CC welcomed the addition to their ranks of Ross Murphy & Neil Hodgson;

The reopening of the Borders railway has been a great success and the CC would like to reiterate their thanks to Gemma for organising the celebrations a year ago, to mark the opening of the railway; congratulations and thanks to Alan & Jack for their ongoing perseverance and hard work regarding the station building; thanks to Stuart, & Jack for their efforts and hard work organising the planting at the station & the purchasing, filling and maintaining of the village planters. Fountainhall – many congratulations to Charlotte & team for the fantastic new hall & their persistence & hard work getting the project started in the first place, and finished so wonderfully. Thanks & congratulations to Alistair for his determination & hard work regarding the old kirk, together with the fantastic work carried out Robin Macmillan.

Excellent work regarding the Safer Stow campaign – thanks to Ross & Neil for spearheading this initiative.

Thank you Alan: the time-consuming job that being a Treasurer entails is an unenviable one! And thank you Sandy for endless lobbying on our behalf with the various departments at SBC. Ditto to the other councillors

Treasurer's report

Alan presented the CC accounts in his usual clear, succinct and meticulous fashion. To date he has heard nothing from the department at SBC who pay us our annual grant, despite repeated efforts to get in touch with them. He has submitted the a/c's as required but has received no acknowledgment from them....maybe the money will be paid in automatically but at this moment he does not know for sure if this will be the case!. He is adamant that the payments, communications and submissions of accounts remain on paper rather than electronically to make absolutely sure that there is total traceability & transparency.

The Grant is due this month from the windfarm for the microgrant fund.

Election of office bearers:

J Mackenzie proposed DM as Chair, seconded CH J Mackenzie proposed CH as Deputy Chair, seconded AM CH proposed J Mushlin Secretary, seconded SJ SJ proposed AM Treasurer, seconded SJ.

All present agreed to abide by the code of conduct for Community Councillors. The AGM concluded at 7.41 pm