



The Langholm Initiative

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## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021, via Zoom**

**Trustees present:** Eileann Bloomer, Kevin Cumming, John Hanrahan (Vice-Chair), George Hollywood, Daniel Lacey, Denis Male, Anne Murray (Treasurer), Margaret Pool (Chair), Campbell Scott, Sarah Stuart (Sec)

**Staff present:** Joyce Ireland, Judith Johnson, Kate Lacey, Jason Railton

**Volunteers present:** Mairi Telford Jammeh

Attendants' names taken from Zoom and recorded separately.

**Apologies:** None

### **Quorum established**

#### **1. Welcome, apologies, noting of electronic voting forms**

MP welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend. Voting had taken place electronically this year, with a total of 48 members' votes recorded.

#### **2. Minutes of previous AGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – matters arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting were **approved**. No matters arising.

#### **3. Guest Speaker Mike Daniels, Head of Policy and Land Management at the John Muir Trust**

Mike Daniels offered an overview of the work of the John Muir Trust, and outlined the planned involvement in the Moorland project.

#### **4. Report by the Chair, Margaret Pool, on the charity's activities**

Margaret offered a summary of the work undertaken by the Langholm Initiative during a year of unique challenges, including the tremendous efforts to achieve the community buyout, as well as all the other projects that benefit the local community.

## **5. Project presentations**

Pre-recorded presentations were given as follows:

- Judith Johnson, Textiles Eskdale
- Jason Railton, Digital Skills
- Margaret Pool, Wild Eskdale

Campbell Scott offered a brief update on the progress of the Sports Centre redevelopment project. Whilst the mission remains the same – to create a modern community-led centre for the benefit of Langholm and the wider community – a number of issues have led to a decision to plan for a smaller development which would not include a swimming pool. CS thanked the working group, the trustees and Ashley Bank for their support. Documents will be made available in the public domain.

## **6. Consideration of financial accounts for y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

The accounts, made available here:

<https://www.langholminitiative.org.uk/governance>

were presented to the meeting and questions invited. No questions were asked.

## **7. Election/re-election of Member Trustees (by electronic voting)**

The Chair explained that, following the formation of the SCIO, in accordance with the constitution, the following trustees were retiring: Eileann Bloomer, David Borthwick, Kevin Cumming (co-opted), John Hanrahan, George Hollywood, Daniel Lacey, Denis Male, Anne Murray, Margaret Pool, Campbell Scott, Sarah Stuart

The following offered themselves for re-election as Member Trustees: Eileann Bloomer, Daniel Lacey, Denis Male, Anne Murray, Margaret Pool, Campbell Scott, Sarah Stuart

48 electronic votes were received, of which 46 voted in favour of the re-election of all who stood en bloc, 1 voted against, 1 abstained.

## **8. The Langholm Initiative Trading Company Ltd (known as Tarras Valley Nature Reserve):**

The Chair explained that the office-holders of the trading company would be retiring from office in accordance with the constitution. Appointments to office would be made by the Board.

## **9. Any other competent business**

With no further issues raised, the meeting was closed.



Margaret Pool, Chair.