



The Langholm Initiative
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 19th October 2016, 7.00pm
Masonic Social Club, Mary Street, Langholm

Present: David Yarrow, Margaret Pool, Tom Millar, Daniel Lacey, Anne Murray, Kenneth Hill, Sarah Exton

Apologies: Monique Steele, Dan McLennan, Kal Malhi, Audrey Maxwell

In attendance: Judith Johnson, Cat Barlow, Jason Railton, Gavin Graham, Grace Baxter, Jayne Powers, Graeme Kellett, Mark Hodgson, Denis Male, John Hills, Val Whelan

Quorum established.

Part One – Update on activities

1. Chairman's Report

- a. DY gave the Chairman's Report for the years 2015-16. He spoke about the loss of core funding from DG Council and how this would affect the Initiative's operational structure. This meant a move to project-based work and dependency on independent funders.
- b. He congratulated the staff on the successful funding applications they had made over the last year.

2. Building a Future for Eskdale

- a. JJ gave an update on Building a Future for Eskdale.

3. Making the Most of Moorlands

- a. CB gave an update on Making the Most of Moorlands and thanked staff and volunteers for their help.

4. Langholm Information Hub/Welcome to Langholm

- a. MP gave an update on the Information Hub, and thanked volunteers for their support.

5. South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project

- a. CB gave an update on the development phase of the project.

Part Two – Formal business required under the Companies Act

1. Retiral of all Directors

2. Elect Directors of the Company

- a. All directors were re-elected to the company with the addition of Sarah Exton. Proposed by Gavin Graham and seconded by Grace Baxter.

3. Elect a Chairperson of the Company

- a. DY proposed TM. Seconded by Gavin Graham.

4. Elect a Vice-Chairperson of the Company

- a. DY proposed MP. Seconded by DL.

5. Elect a Treasurer of the Company

- a. It was agreed that accountancy services would continue to be bought in in lieu of an elected Treasurer.

- 6. To receive, consider and adopt the annual accounts for the years ending 31st March 2015 and 31st March 2016.**
 - a. DY read the accounts which were adopted by the Meeting.
- 7. To re-appoint JRW Group as reporting accountants of the Company**
 - a. Agreed and re-appointed. Proposed by Gavin Graham and seconded by Anne Murray.
- 8. To inform the Meeting of the intention to change the legal structure of the Company to a SCIO and adopt the name The Langholm Initiative Community Development Trust.**
 - a. TM explained the (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and the benefits this would entail in changing from the current status as a Company limited by guarantee with charitable status.
 - b. TM further discussed the change in name and highlighted that it would bring transparency to the Company by enabling the public to know exactly what the Langholm Initiative does.
- 9. Business Plan**
 - a. TM explained the purpose of the Strategic Business Plan 2016-2020 as a way to define the Initiative and set clear objectives for the future.
 - b. TM then thanked DY for his five-year tenure as Chairman.
- 10. Close of meeting**
 - a. DY gave thanks to the board, staff and community for all their support during his Chairmanship of five years.
 - b. DY then thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.