

Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage Community Council

Draft Minutes

Inaugural Meeting 12th November 2018

Meeting held at Hermitage Hall starting 7:00pm

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor George Turnbull

Community Councillors: Mary Howlett, Geoffrey Kolbe, John Scott, Lawrence Scott, Andrew Warburton.

Councillors: Davy Paterson

Members of the public: 6

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Watson McAteer

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting

Code of Conduct

The chairman noted that in being nominated as candidates for the election, community councillors had agreed to the Code of Conduct so there was no need for the Code of Conduct to be signed at this meeting

Appointment of Chairman

Geoffrey Kolbe was proposed for Chairman by Andrew Warburton and seconded by John Scott. There being no other nominations, Geoffrey Kolbe assumed the office of Chairman

Appointment of Vice Chairman

Andrew Warburton was proposed for vice chairman by John Scott and seconded by Geoffrey Kolbe. There being no other nominations, Andrew Warburton assumed the office of Vice Chairman

Appointment of Secretary

After some discussion, it was generally agreed to defer the appointment of secretary to the next ordinary meeting.

Appointment of Treasurer

John Scott was proposed for Treasurer by Geoffrey Kolbe and seconded by Andrew Warburton. There being no other nomination, John Scott assumed the office of Treasurer.

Authorised Signatures

After some discussion, it was generally agreed to defer the matter of signatories to the bank account until the next ordinary meeting.

Dates of Future meetings

It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting should take place on 3rd December 2018. It was generally agreed that a discussion on the frequency of ordinary meetings, and the nature of other meetings of community councillors, be deferred until the next ordinary meeting.

Any other relevant items

Sarah Laing indicated her willingness to be co-opted to the vacant sixth place on the community Council.

Lawrence Scott reported that log lorries were using the B6399 road, which has a 10 tonne limit. Councillor Turnbull stated that he would look into that.

Councillor Turnbull explained that Councillors were hard pressed to attend all the meetings where their presence was required. John Scott asked if we could have a copy of Councillors meeting schedules in order to arrange dates of future CC meetings at which all three Councillors could attend. This was agreed by Councillors Turnbull and Paterson.

John Scott suggested that the Community Council assume a fixed address at Hermitage Hall, where there would be a permanent post box, for all Community Council correspondence, including matters for the attention of the Secretary and bank statements, rather than the postal address having to be changed when there was a change in officers, or no effective address at all when an officer position was vacant. It was agreed to defer discussion on this matter until the next ordinary meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 7:35pm