

# GATEHOUSE OF FLEET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
at 7 p.m. in the Community Centre

**PRESENT:** Provost M. Laird, Dean of Guild G. Macnamara, Councillors: S. Burnie, M. Cousins, R. Forster, D. McClelland, I. McConchie and A. Steel.  
PC I. Bradley, S. Gillespie (*Galloway News*) and 1 member of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Deputy Provost/Treasurer C. Walker and Councillor, A. Lowden

## 2) MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

Ian McConchie proposed and Des McClelland seconded that the Minutes should be adopted as a true record. This was agreed.

3) **MATTERS ARISING** None.

## 4) ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

In the Treasurer's absence the Statement of Accounts up to 31/03/08 was circulated. (Copy filed). The meeting wished to remind the community that applications for the Common Good Fund are welcomed. It was noted that the Footpaths' Account had been omitted from the statement.

5) **PROVOST'S ANNUAL REPORT**– A copy of the report has been filed.

## 6) ELECTION OF OFFICER-BEARERS

- a) Provost: Mark Laird was elected unopposed
- b) Deputy Provost: Chris Walker was elected unopposed
- c) Treasurer: Chris Walker was elected unopposed.
- d) Dean of Guild: Gerard Macnamara was elected unopposed.
- e) Secretary: Dawn Hartley had expressed an interest in the position but was not present. It is hoped that she will attend the next Community Council meeting.

## 7) APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Provost is a *de facto* member of all Community Council committees will attend when and where necessary.

### **Planning Committee**

Chair: Dean of Guild, Councillors F Bruno, R. Forster and A. Lowden

### **Housing Working Group**

Chair: S. Burnie, Dean of Guild, Councillors F. Bruno, R. Forster, I. McConchie

Non Community Council members: D. Cameron, J. Jameson (GDI) and D. Steel (GDI)

## 8) APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO OTHER AGENCIES

**Board of the Mill on the Fleet** – it was agreed in March not to appoint a representative

**Convention of Stewartry Community Councils** – Councillor I. McConchie

**Gatehouse Development Initiative** – Councillor R. Forster

**National Scenic Area Committee** – Councillor A. Steel

It was noted that the Council used to have a representative at Forestry Commission consultation meetings and at NHS consultation meetings.

**9) CONSULTATION ON DRAFT MODEL SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS.**

The Provost and Deputy Provost will study this document and draft a response. Councillors may respond individually or give their views to the Provost over the next two months.

**10) PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION FOR AGM IN 2009**

Various options were considered including:

- reducing the number of councillors in the hope of encouraging a ballot for Council seats
- having an odd number of councillors so that there cannot be a tied vote

It was decided to retain the present constitution i.e. that the Council may have up to 14 councillors. As there are already two co-opted councillors (from a permitted total of three) the maximum number of councillors until the 2009 election will be 13. At present one more councillor can be co-opted. Members of the public interested in joining the Council should approach any community councillor or telephone the Provost or Deputy Provost. Both the Provost and Deputy Provosts' phone numbers will be put on the notice board for this purpose. Candidates' names must be submitted at least 10 days before the Council meeting at which their application will be considered. It was agreed to review the situation in six months.

The meeting closed at 7.56 p.m.