



# Evanton Wood Community Company

## Minutes of AGM 2nd October 2012 In Diamond Jubilee Hall, 7:30pm

**In Attendance:** 21 current members, 3 others.

**Apologies:** Padmolka Smith, Donnie Macsween, Avril Ogle, Rob Gibson, Keith Kennedy.

Adrian Clark as chairperson welcomed everyone to the 2012 AGM and highlighted the significance of the occasion as the community were now the owners of Evanton Wood.

**1. Minutes of previous AGM** of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were accepted.

Proposed by Kennie McCusker

Seconded by Adrian Clark (Janey Clarke initially seconded this motion but she was not present at the 2011 AGM).

**2. Chairman's Report**

The chair's report given by Adrian Clark covered all the activities and significant developments which have taken place since the last AGM.

The chair outlined all the funding bodies, significant donations, companies and individuals which have enabled the EWCC to purchase the Wood for the Community and fund the 5 year activity programme.

The chair indicated that the accounts were available for scrutiny and thanked Leslie Logan for preparing the accounts pro bono.

The chair outlined all the insurances now in place relating to the wood.

The chair described the appointment process and named the successful individual appointed to the post of Education and Outreach Coordinator, Simon Harry (SH) and mentioned his qualifications and plans for the near future. The chair indicated that SH was currently networking with local schools and organizations to identify their utilization of the wood facility.

The chair outlined the positions held by the various directors on the board of EWCC and indicated that the two longest serving directors were due to stand down in accordance with the articles of association. These were Janey Clarke and Christine Hamilton; the chair thanked them for their work over the past 3 years and more.

The chair also thanked all the funding bodies, Mackenzie and Cormack solicitors , who had worked pro bono, our auditors Frame Kennedy and Forrest, Leslie Logan representing KCC, Cornerstone, Cameron Ross, Novar Estates and all others involved in the successful purchase of Evanton Wood.

A copy of the chair's report can be found on the EWCC web page at [www.spanglefish.com/evantonwoodcommunitycompany/documents/chair-report-2012.doc](http://www.spanglefish.com/evantonwoodcommunitycompany/documents/chair-report-2012.doc)

### **3. Annual Accounts**

The audited accounts for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 were presented. The chair moved they be accepted.

Proposed by Kennie McCusker  
Seconded by Christine Hamilton  
Carried Unanimously

### **4. Membership**

The chair drew the meeting's attention to resolution 2 which had been previously circulated. This involves a change to the constitution. The chair moved the change to the constitution be adopted.

*'Ordinary membership be extended to include all individuals aged 18 and over who support the purposes of the organisation and that Article 7.1 be amended accordingly; Article 7.2 be amended to refer only to organisations wherever they be located that support the Purposes.'*

Proposed by Dave Smith  
Seconded by Janey Clarke  
Carried Unanimously



## **7. Resolution to Amend Articles Regarding Audit.**

The chair explained the reasoning behind the proposed change to the articles in terms of the audit. The Resolution which had been previously circulated was presented to the meeting:

*'Reference to audit and/or auditor be removed from the Articles of Association and replaced with independent examination and/or examiner as appropriate, specifically 16.4 (appointment of auditor), 18.1 (notice of meetings), 65 (regular audit, appointment of auditor), 66 (auditor's report).'*

Proposed by Christine Hamilton.

Seconded by Douglas Wilson

Carried Unanimously

## **8. Appointment of Auditors/Independent Examiners.**

The chair explained that notwithstanding the above resolution (*para 7*) OSCR may require that the accounts for the current period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012 be audited. The meeting agreed to appoint Frame, Kennedy and Forrest as independent examiner or auditor (as appropriate) for the current year and as independent examiner for financial year commencing Nov 2012.

Adrian outlined upcoming dates for volunteer days and other activities taking place in the wood. He also highlighted an upcoming event in Culloden Academy for the Highland Woodland Trust.

Leslie Logan proposed a vote of thanks to the Board for their efforts on behalf of the community in purchasing the wood and emphasized the pivotal roles played by Adrian and Janey. The meeting endorsed this proposal.

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm following a vote of thanks to the chair.

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