

**NORTH EAST FIFE COMMUNITY HUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019**

Wednesday 22nd May, 6.30pm at St Andrews Episcopal Church

1. Welcome and apologies

In the Chair: Blair H Smith;

Present: Jill Anderson; Jane Kell; Stewart Kerr; Cath Carter; Trevor Hart; Jane H Smith, 9 additional members of the Hub, and guest speaker Tracy Harley.

Apologies: Jennifer Wyllie, Henry Paul, Mary Poppie, Morgan Harris, St Andrews Student Association, Eric Fraser, Irene Werrity, Sandy Bremner, Gillian Milne, James and Heather Cormack

Current Trustees were introduced

Motion to amend running order of AGM to have item No 9, Guest Speaker first, then formal business. Approved.

2. Chairperson's Address: Jill Anderson: The need for belonging and acceptance as a basic.

Need a safe home. The Hub also needs a safe home, but St Andrews United FC Social Club can no longer host us. Thanks to Johnny & Janice Strachan who have been so supportive and allowed us to run a pilot in an ideal location. We are now in the process of applying to acquire a building which will allow us long term security. Grant application to be submitted to Scottish Land Fund, to pay for the building. Maureen Burgess from Fife Voluntary Action has given us much invaluable help with this. Huge thanks also go to Rev Professor Trevor Hart and St Andrew's Episcopal Church for their extensive support, which continues with the offer of temporary premises at the church to allow the work of the Hub to continue meantime Thanks also to our local Councillors who have provided practical and valuable advice and support.

Questions: When does the Hub have to leave Social club? Initially were given 3 days' notice; this has been negotiated to mid June, but hoped to be end of next week.

When get in to St David's Centre? We hope Christmas 2019

3. Project report – included in Chairperson's address.

4. Balance sheet and Treasurer's Report

Jane Kell, Treasurer presented our accounts and explained them. These have not yet been presented to an Independent Examiner, but this will be done shortly. At this date, we have £12,798 in the bank. We need to start employing staff, and are in the process of applying for funding for this.

The Chair thanked Jane Kell for the extensive amount of work she has done on the accounts. It was suggested that at this point Item 7 on the Agenda should be addressed now.



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Proposal that if possible we should have our accounts independently examined by a qualified person at Fife Voluntary Action, failing which, as we are a Company Limited by Guarantee, we should appoint Henderson Black, a local firm of accountants who are sympathetic to small charities.

Carried unanimously.

5. **Special Resolution – replacement of existing Articles of Association in their entirety**
This is necessary in order to comply with the purchase of St David's Centre.
Powers 5c insert the word "own"
Section 9: Liability of members
Section 15: remove section allowing us to refuse membership... community members cannot be blocked from a community group
Changes approved unanimously

One member asked that there should be an opportunity for general members to have an opportunity to be involved in the decision making re the purchase of any property.
Directors agreed to discuss how to facilitate this.

6. **Appointment of Directors**
Directors can serve for up to 2 terms of 3 years, and Articles of Association require that one third stand down (potentially for re-election) at this first General Meeting. This allows overlap rather than all ending their terms at same time.
Jane Kell and Cath Carter stood down and offered themselves for re-election. In addition, Stewart Kerr, who had been co-opted to the Board, stood to be appointed formally. All three were elected unanimously. No one further came forward.
7. **Appointment of an auditor or independent examiner of the Accounts: see No 4 above**
8. **AOCB**
Sincere thanks to all present for support, & interest thus far. Cllr Ann Verner offered thanks to Jill and her team for their dedication & valuable work. The Chairman thanked Cllr Verner, her colleagues on the Council, as well as the local MSP and MP for their ongoing interest and support in the project.
9. **Guest Speaker: Tracy Harley, Locality Planning Officer for Fife Health and Social Care Partnership: spoke about the Fife 'Wellness Centres' ('Well'). They have been established as per**
a Scottish Government initiative to integrate social care in each local authority: Local GPs, other health professionals, carers, third sector representatives, social work, to make services more accessible to those who need the support, and fast-track them to the most appropriate services. There are currently 7 Wellness Centres across Fife. At the moment, the Hub in St Andrews serves the whole of North East Fife. There are plans to have at least another two serving this area, eg Tay Bridgehead, & Cupar. Some illustrations were given of how the Well can simplify service access.



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