

Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Council

Annual General Meeting held at Sandford Village Hall 7pm on Monday 10th
November 2014

1. Present:-

Charles Leleux (Independent Interim Chairperson)

Chris Cassels

Lenny McKague

Agnes Callan

Sarah Mateer

Joanne Motion

Tom Dykes

One member of the public.

2. Welcome /Apologies

Apologies was received from Trish Munro and Kathryn Cain. Charles Leleux welcomed those present and thanked the secretary for her help in producing the paperwork. He explained that he had been asked to act as Interim Chairperson for the Inaugural Meeting of the Community Council. He confirmed that following the public advertisement and conclusion of the election process that the 8 Elected members of the community council would be Christopher Cassels, Leonard McKague, Patricia Munro, Agnes Callan, Sarah Mateer, Joanne Motion, Kathryn Cain and Tom Dykes.

3. Appointment of Chair

The Interim Chair asked for nominations for the chair. Chris Cassels was proposed by Agnes Callan and seconded by Lenny McKague and this was agreed by those present. The interim chair thanked those present and handed the meeting over to Chris Cassels to Chair. An invitation from Margaret Armstrong to the new office bearers to attend the SLC Community Council Annual Forum on 2 December 2015 was handed in to be passed to the secretary to reply.

4. Appointment of Secretary / Treasurer / Vice Chair

The following posts were filled:-

Treasurer – Lenny McKague. Proposed by Sarah Mateer, seconded by Agnes Callan

Secretary – Trish Munro. Proposed by Chris Cassels, seconded by Joanne Motion

Vice Chair – Agnes Callan. Proposed by Sarah Mateer, seconded by Joanne Motion

5. Casual Vacancies / Previous Office Bearer reports

Under the new scheme for community councils, casual vacancies/vacant places may arise in certain circumstances which are set out in the SLC guidance. Community Councils can also invite additional Associate Members. This is open to those who live or work in SUACC area, are members of a local organisation or group and to those who may be appointed by SUACC where there may be a need for individuals with a particular skill or knowledge. It was agreed that members would consider this for the next meeting, such as the links with the two Primary School Parent Council's.

Chris Cassels read out a summary of the work of SUACC since the last AGM including the 5 previous meetings (11 Nov, 13 Jan, 10 Mar, 12 May, 8 Sept) and this included:-

- Sandford and Gilmourton Primary School's modernisation programmes.
- Traffic issues – HGV speeds, routes, road closures, wind farms sites, flooding & potholes on local roads
- Liaison with Dungavel, Kypemuir, West & East Browncastle wind farms
- Proposed amendments to the Scheme for Community Councils
- Proposed changes to Strathaven Police Station and liaison with Police Scotland
- Meetings with the 4 local community councils over the Proposed Kypemuir Community Wind farm fund and Banks representatives
- Support for various community events including the village spring clean.
- Planning issues including housing & wind turbine proposals
- Renewable Energy Fund and proposed Community Action Plan
- Playpark improvement plans
- Website development & changes

Lenny McKague explained that SUACC has £613.31 in administration grant from SLC for the year and this was used to pay for the hall hires for the meetings, audit & insurance, website administration, stationary & ink, annual honorarium contributions. Details of all income & expenditure are agreed at each SUACC meeting.

6. Preparation of Constitution/Adoption of Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

Chris Cassels outlined the content of the model constitution which had circulated when the new scheme for Community Council's was adopted. The Chair, Treasurer and Vice Chair agreed to sign this on behalf of SUACC and return it to SLC for completion. An updated copy will need to be posted on the SUACC website. All Elected members had already signed the code of conduct when they put their names forward for election.

7. Bank Account

Lenny McKague confirmed that we would be continuing with the current bank account and signatories.

8. Arrangements for future meetings

It was agreed that SUACC hold future meeting on the following dates:-

12 January 2015 – Sandford Village hall, 7.30pm

16 March 2015 – Gilmourton WRI hall, 7.30pm

11 May 2015 – Sandford Village Hall, 7.30pm

7 September 2015 – Gilmourton WRI hall, 7.30pm

9 November 2015 – AGM at Sandford Village Hall, 7pm

9. Close of meeting

The AGM meeting was concluded and followed by the normal SUACC meeting.