



Community Council
of the
Royal Burgh of Peebles and District

Annual General Meeting 2021

Held on 11th November 2021 online by Zoom

1. Present: L.Turnbull, S.Rae, A.Snoddy, G.Mackie, P.Maudsley, S.Watson, H.Young, A.Mackenzie, L.Hayworth, M.Bruce, O.Olesheva, C.Forsyth, J.Shearer; Cllr Bell, Cllr Haslam, Cllr Small, Cllr Tatler
2. In attendance: H.Scott of the Peeblesshire News. Members of the public: Lyndal Bale and David Ferguson
3. Apologies: Cllr Anderson, G.Ramsay, J.Crawley
4. Minutes of the last AGM held in 2019: approved by A.Mackenzie and seconded by P.Maudsley
5. Chairman's Report

"Our last AGM took place in May 2019. The Covid-19 pandemic since then has changed life as we know it. It is right to acknowledge the sterling work that was done by organisations such as Peebles Resilient Community, the Food Foundation, Peebles Community Trust, Peebles Covid-19 Support Group and many others who helped to minimise the disruption of people's lives across the community, and not forgetting the work done by individual Community Councillors who helped those groups deliver services to those in need.

Our monthly meetings continued in the Burgh Chamber until March 2020 and were then suspended as the pandemic progressed. We resumed our meetings in August, meeting online. However work had continued behind the scenes throughout with planning responses and continuing dialogue with Police Scotland, particularly with regard to anti-social behaviour.

Since we resumed our meetings the issues of significance include Police responses to anti-social behaviour and 101 calls. Community Councillor M.Bruce, ably assisted by S.Hamilton, are working with others to find a solution to anti-social behaviour. It is a work in progress and I wish them every success.

I would like to thank S.Rae (*Vice Chairman*) for his wise counsel and P.Maudsley (*Planning Convenor*) for the time he spends researching and responding to planning applications. He often adds to his workload by giving advice to parties outside the planning process and is committed to helping where he can.

The Chambers Institution is a topic that Peebles Community Council and Peebles Civic Society are working together on. As you are aware we are seeking community representation on the Board of Trustees. SBC officers are working on a report which will be presented to the full Council soon.

I would like to thank every member of the Community Council, including those who recently stepped down, for their hard work over the past 20 months. I know you often feel overwhelmed by the number of emails you receive, and finding time to respond is not always easy. I want to assure you that your contributions are valuable and help me and the PCC to represent the views of the community to other public authorities.

I was happy to welcome back A.Snoddy as Secretary, and would like to put on record my thanks to Caitlin Ramsay, who was Secretary for nearly 3 years. It wasn't easy for her to combine her demanding job in Edinburgh with her secretarial duties."

6. Treasurer's Report

The Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. G.Mackie mentioned the £1,000 which came in from SBC for the relief of issues arising from the pandemic which was then passed on to local groups who were involved in 'hands on' support. A laptop and associated accessories were purchased for £640. The annual accounts were signed off by Donald Swanson who is prepared to continue as the Independent Examiner for another year.

7. Community Councillors

A.Snoddy said that E.Rae and S.Montgomery have resigned from the Community Council. Almost everyone else who had to put themselves forward for election, either because they had come to the end of their 3 year tenure or because they had been co-optees, did so. The one exception was S.Hamilton who had planned to step down but has changed her mind and will stay on. There is a new applicant, Heather Young. We did not have more candidates than places available so there was no requirement to hold an election. We are allowed to have 18 Community Councillors in Peebles. We currently have 16 plus 1 co-optee (S.Hamilton, because she had been a co-optee and missed the deadline to submit her form for full membership).

8. Election of Office Bearers

Cllr Tatler took the chair for this part of the proceedings.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	L.Turnbull	A.Snoddy	P.Maudsley
Vice Chairman	S.Rae	S.Watson	A.Mackenzie
Secretary	A.Snoddy	G.Mackie	P.Maudsley
Treasurer	G.Mackie	S.Rae	P.Maudsley
Planning Convenor	P.Maudsley	S.Rae	M.Bruce

The meeting resumed with L.Turnbull in the chair.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts: Donald Swanson. L.Turnbull asked G.Mackie to pass on our thanks to Mr Swanson.

10. Appointment of Peebles Community Trust Representative: M.Bruce has agreed to continue in this role.
11. Scottish Borders Council Code of Conduct: all Community Councillors agreed to abide by it.
12. Any Other Business: there was none
13. Date of next AGM **Thursday 10th November 2022**