



## Dullatur Community Council AGM - Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** 10 June 2019  
**Location:** Dullatur Village Hall

**Attendees:**  
**Community Councilors:** Alan Davidson  
Margaret Kennedy  
Vivien Mitchell  
Tony Ross (Apologies)  
John Wright  
David Young  
Margaret Smillie

**Supporting Groups:** Cllr Danish Ashraf  
**Members of Public:** See Attachment

### **Agenda:**

#### **1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Chair, Alan Davidson, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The meeting agenda was circulated to all. Minutes from the previous meeting (EGM March 2019) had been previously circulated and approved during the ordinary meeting of April 2019.

#### **2. Chairperson's Annual Report**

The chair circulated and read a copy of his report. Attached in appendix.

#### **3. Financial Report**

Chair circulated a copy of the audited accounts noting that the accounts for both the maintenance and treasurers accounts were audit this year. Accounts were approved by Margaret Smillie

#### **4. Election of Office Bearers**

The current office bearers were duly re-elected as follows:

Chairperson: Alan Davidson; proposed Margaret Smillie; seconded Margaret Kennedy

Vice Chair: Tony Ross; proposed Alan Davidson; seconded David Young

Secretary: Margaret Smillie; proposed Alan Davidson; seconded Margaret Kennedy

Treasurer: Margaret Kennedy; proposed Alan Davidson; seconded David Young

The Chair acknowledged that the Vice Chair was re-elected in his absence and could duly resign from that position at the next week if he were not happy to continue in the position.

John Wright asked Vivien Mitchell if she was prepared to be elected secretary but Vivien confirmed she did not wish to be considered at this time if others were being nominated.

The current committee is in post until the elections in October 2019 when all must stand down on 7 October when a new committee will be elected.

#### **4. Forthcoming Meetings**

Chair outlined the remaining meetings for the duration of the committee's tenure. As has been normal practice there will be no meetings July and August; the next being 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The Chair closed the meeting.

## Chairperson's Note - June 2019

The elections in February 2018 saw widespread engagement across the community. However this was set against a backdrop of ill feeling and mid-trust in pockets of the community as to the purpose and direction of the Community Council. We are privileged to own the significant and important assets of the Village Hall and tennis courts but with that comes responsibility as to ensuring their continued use for future generations.

I recognised there was a need for three short term priorities for the DCC built around stability, transparency and support for local interest groups. Dealing with these in turn.

- 1. Stability** - encouraging a period of stability for DCC as the new councillors came together. I am disappointed that at times it has been difficult to move on from previous events in a positive manner. The tone of meetings has been impacted and over that time two Community Councillors have resigned. However, there are a number of positive signs:
  - finances are stable with positive cash balances;
  - a number of successful community events have been held including re-instatement of the fortnightly coffee mornings;
  - we have three individuals interested in becoming Community Councillors. In October all places on the Council will be up for election and hopefully a diverse group will be elected that will bring fresh ideas and impetus.
- 2. Transparency** - following the election we did not inherit a contact list or gain access to previous means of communication used by the Council. In that time we have built a secure website and contact list in order to keep the Community up to date. The website has been publicised through two leaflet campaigns across the Community Council area. In addition we have sought to make our meetings and business as a Community Council transparent which is important in gaining public trust. Our communication will be further improved by a new noticeboard on a more prominent site to be installed in the coming weeks.
- 3. Support for interest groups** - the mainstay of use for our facilities are the Toddler Group and Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club (DLTC). The Toddler Group operates at capacity, is an important community group and as you will see from our accounts provide our main source of income. It is a non-profit making organisation and merits our support in providing a favourable rate of hire. DLTC is now operating under a re-invigorated committee who have done a great deal to publicise both membership and coaching. They are operating at a profit, although it would be encouraging if a greater number of local residents saw fit to join and support the club. This will help ensure the continued upkeep and use of the courts for future generations.

As to more general matters the Community Council through our meetings and ongoing engagement with the community has provided a forum for discussing and raising matters of local interest. We are greatly assisted by Alan Masterton, our local North Lanarkshire councillor, in ensuring these matters are raised appropriately within North Lanarkshire Council and with other interested stakeholder groups.

I would like to close by thanking my fellow Councillors for their support during the year. I hope that the incoming Council in October has a good base to take things forward in a positive manner that reflects the wishes and needs of the community as a whole.

*Alan Davidson, Chair, Dullatur Community Council  
June 2019*



**Members of Public in Attendance:**

Kirsty Ferguson-Smith

Jean Young

Rita Stewart

Gillian Rose

Ian Ferguson

Emma MacDonald

Councillor Ashraf