

Minutes of Belmont and Kincaidston Community Council  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 18, 2024

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ian Douglas (Outgoing Treasurer), Cara Bennington (Outgoing Secretary), Colin Hall (Outgoing P & L Officer) Flora Fleming (OM), Carol Campbell (OM), Daniela Van Niekerk (OM), Tracy Whiteford (External Funding Officer, SAC), Audrey Gatt (Team Lead for Place Planning), Fiona Mitchell (Visitor).

**APOLOGIES:** Donald McLean (OM), Claire Dunn (OM), Hezekiah Adesina (OM), Dennis McLellan (OM), Matthew Grant (SAC Link Officer).

Due to the resignation of our Chair, Graham Gault, Tracy Whiteford took over the meeting acting as Chair until a new Chair was voted in. Sederunt was passed around and the meeting was found to be quorate with 6 members present out of a possible 10.

**Approval of minutes** Last year's minutes from April 6, 2023, were approved. Proposed by Colin Hall and seconded by Flora Fleming.

**Chairpersons Report** – Since our Chair had resigned from the community council before the meeting and had not provided a report of the previous year, the secretary offered to say a few words about which members had been there at the last AGM and how it was sad that two members had been forced to resign due to poor health, Don Osborne and Linda Pirrie. Very sadly, Linda had passed away in March after a period in hospital. Once again, at our AGM, there is no Chairpersons report to provide to SAC. We had lost our Chair due to resignation but had gained a new member in Daniela Van Niekerk. We had thought that earlier in the year we had asked for Belmont South and Belmont North to be amalgamated by SAC but in fact when the advertisement went out it showed that the three sub-wards of Belmont and Kincaidston are now amalgamated. This meant that we could take on a new member from Kincaidston, i.e. Daniela.

**Treasurers Report** – Copies of examined accounts were handed out to all members – examined and approved by ex-Councillor for Girvan, Alec Oates. Treasurer explained that we now have an online system for dealing with the BKCC account with three signatories and a rule that we need two signatories to authorise any payment.

The approved year-end accounts were passed to Tracy Whiteford to give to SAC along with a form requesting this year's administration grant i.e. refund of monies spent this past year up to a maximum of £800 if all receipts are approved by SAC. **Action:** Ian Douglas to provide SAC with a copy of the bank statement up to March 31, 2024.

**Election of Office Bearers**

**Chairperson** – Cara Bennington, proposed by Ian Douglas, seconded by Carol Campbell

**Vice Chair** – Flora Fleming, proposed by Cara Bennington, seconded by Colin Hall

**Secretary** – Cara Bennington, proposed by Ian Douglas, seconded by Flora Fleming

**Treasurer** – Ian Douglas proposed by Flora Fleming, seconded by Carol Campbell

**Planning and Licensing** – Colin Hall, proposed by Flora Fleming, seconded by Carol Campbell.

Tracy Whiteford stepped down as Acting Chair to allow the new Chair, Cara Bennington to continue the meeting.

**Review of Inventory** – Very slow laptop is still with Ian Douglas, but it appears to be useless. We have a Samsung Galaxy Book on loan from SAC which uses a mobile dongle to provide our own Wi-Fi. We own a headphone set and a wireless mouse and a digital recorder. We also have two defibrillators sited in the community.

There followed an informal discussion on new noticeboards. Audrey advised that it should be on council ground and that the plain council design, black metal, would be available quite easily. **Action** BKCC to decide on locations desired for placement of noticeboards. Audrey suggested postcards to promote the BKCC. Fiona mentioned Castlehill Church as a source of younger members for the CC. Fiona enjoyed the day at Belmont Academy where young students interacted with elderly members of the community in various activities including walking football which was great fun.

**Next AGM – to be held on April 25, 2025, (date to be confirmed - subject to Easter Holidays).**