

SelkirkRegeneration

3rd Annual General Meeting of Selkirk Regeneration (SCIO) held at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd May, 2023 in Selkirk Parish Church Hall

1. **Welcome:** David Bethune, in the chair, welcomed those members present: Anne Bethune, Sue Cook, Pauline Davidson, Elaine Dunipace, Sara Gorman, Cath Henderson, Andy Murray, Denis Roberts, Viv Ross and Ken Turnbull (associate member).
[and by proxy: Jenna Agate, Maureen Franks, Margaret Milne and Lawrence Robertson]
[also, in attendance, Jude Cormack]

With 10 ordinary members in attendance, and 4 by proxy, the AGM was declared quorate.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Angela MacKellar, Jack Peers, Linda Revels, Edith Scott and those noted above submitting proxies
3. **Additional items to be added to the agenda:** none
4. **Trustees' reports:** David Bethune referred members to the Trustees' Report on pages 2-3 of the 2021-22 Financial Statements (which summarises various past, present and future projects). Updates followed on current projects, including the following items.
 - a. The pop-up shop at **1 Tower Street** - although bookings have not returned to pre-pandemic levels, it is still benefitting the community and generating a small net income for Selkirk Regeneration, managed by Linda Revels. Members were encouraged to suggest potential new users of the shop to increase rental income.
 - b. Ken Turnbull reported on the background and current status of the **Community Solar project**. Since last year, we have received permission from the Common Good Trustees to undertake an in-depth feasibility study on to the 2 sites identified by the Options Appraisal. Unfortunately, GreenCat Renewables have not provided the requested quotation for this piece of further work. The meeting agreed that we should pursue other options (other energy consultants or the Energy Co-op) to move this forward. Local Energy Scotland have indicated that they would be amenable to providing loan funding for the feasibility studies. The deliverable from the feasibility studies will be a Project Proposal, sufficiently robust to attract project funding.

In response to questions from those present, it was noted that the proposal now relates to the North Common, also part of Selkirk's Common Good. Depending on the management model, the town would benefit from rental income to the Common Good Fund, as well as lower cost electricity for nearby commercial users (and potentially the wider population). Jack Peers has indicated his willingness to be more involved in the project.

- c. A written report was distributed from Angela MacKellar on the achievements of the **"Sustainable Selkirk"** project (now with Lottery funding, following 2 years of funding from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund). Funding has been secured for property overheads and the Project Manager salary to March 2024, and further funding is being sought from the Energy Redress Fund to increase staffing. David Ballard and Jack Peers have completed training to be Home Energy Advisers. The "hard to recycle" partnership with Selkirk Parish Church's eco group brings people into the advice centre, and they can then be engaged on other aspects of energy saving.

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- d. Viv Ross gave a report on the well-attended Community Engagement events, supported by SBC, SOSE and Selkirk Means Business. A team of volunteers is being assembled to work towards a new **Community Action Plan** for Selkirk and the valleys. This is expected to take 12-18 months to complete. Members were encouraged to get involved in this.

5. Election of Charity Trustees:

The following Trustees had been duly nominated in advance by the Board:

- David Bethune (to a 2nd consecutive term of office)
- Ian King (to a 2nd consecutive term of office)
- Maureen Franks (to a 1st term of office)

All 3 nominations were approved unanimously and duly elected.

Andy Murray was nominated as a Trustee at the meeting (proposed Anne Bethune, seconded Pauline Davidson). This nomination was approved unanimously.

The Board also proposed that Ken Turnbull and Jack Peers (Associate Members) be co-opted as Trustees for another year.

The Board for the coming year therefore consists of:

- **Sarah Gorman** (elected 2021)
- **Margaret Milne** (elected 2021)
- **Viv Ross** (re-elected 2022)
- **Maureen Franks** (elected 2023)
- **Andy Murray** (elected 2023)
- **David Bethune** (re-elected 2023)
- **Ian King** (re-elected 2023)
- **Jack Peers** (co-opted 2023)
- **Ken Turnbull** (co-opted 2023)

6. Consideration of Annual Accounts and Independent Examiner's report:

The financial statements for the period October 2021 to September 2022, approved by the Board on 14th December 2022, were presented to the members. Treasurer David Bethune guided the meeting through a summary of these accounts, and presented additional information on the current state of finances. The full financial statements have been submitted to OSCR as required. The independent examiner's report, included in the financial statements, was noted.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

David Bethune proposed that David Campbell (of Deans, Hawick) remain as Independent Examiner. This was approved unanimously.

Other Business

David Bethune thanked all those members present for attending the AGM

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