

MINUTES OF THE WEST PILTON WEST GRANTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 12 DECEMBER 2019

Present: Geri McDonnell, Gladys Strang, Hossain Moazzem, Janice Holm, Lana Kelly, Syed Anwar Hossain, Willie Black, Peter Faassen de Heer (Minutes) PC Sarah Hall, Cllr Jim Campbell, Cllr Ellie Bird

Apologies: Audrey Coltart

The first part of the meeting was chaired by Cllr Jim Campbell in his capacity as Returning Officer for the election of the Community Council. PF volunteered to take a minute of this part of the meeting in an ex-officio capacity.

1. Welcome

JC welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the procedure for the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

PF declared an interest as a Scottish Government official who deals with community food initiatives and therefore would not vote on any matter relating to the same.

3. Declaration of Election Result

JC declared that all those who had nominated were automatically elected to the CC since this fell below 12 people. The CC could at any future point co-opt additional individuals to the CC to a maximum of 12. In addition, the CC could invite up to 6 local constituted bodies (recognised by CEC) onto the CC.

ACTION: It was agreed that all CC members would consider suggestions for local organisations to join the CC.

4. Appointment of Officer Bearers

The following individuals were elected unopposed:

- Lana Kelly – Chair
- Peter Faassen de Heer – Secretary
- Syed Anwar Hossain – Treasurer
- Geri McDonnell – Engagement Officer

5. Any Other Business

JC vacated the Chair and was thanked by the CC for being the Returning Officer.

The CC now chose to consider certain other items of business:

- a. **Police Report:** SH provided a summary of activity leading up to Bonfire Night. Callouts were down 58% and many of the police powers were not required on the night. It was recognised that there had been a lot of activity to prevent issues arising in the run-up to 5 Nov. The CC noted that there had been a fire in the basket ball area between WP Terrace/ Street and Green. [JC reported this subsequently to the CEC to get debris removed].

SH also reported on other activity including Alcohol Awareness Week.

b. CC Positions

Geri McDonnell was appointed to the role of Vice-Chair

The issue of having a separate Minute Secretary to a secretary was discussed and several options were considered but no decision was taken.

The CC discussed increasing its involvement with local organisations by both bringing those into the CC and by having CC members attend and sit on external bodies. **ACTION: PF to collate a note of interest from CC members for the above.**

c. Social media and website

GM suggested that we also set up and run a website and asked for comments. She suggested that this would provide a useful complement to our Facebook and Twitter activity. The CC discussed this but no decision was taken on this.

d. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would be Tuesday 3 December at 7pm.