

SCCC AGM JUNE 2023**1. Present**

Alan Stewart, Cathy Fagan, Eleanor Stevenson, Jan McCormack, Liz Seabrook, Michael Breslin, Martin Anstess

2. Apologies

Joyce McEwan, Ian McEwan, Gill Judd, Kyle Armstrong, Linda Murry Cllr Hampsey and Steve Gillen. Steve had called off just before the meeting due to work issues which also led him to resign from SCCC. This led to an issue over the convener post at item 10.

3. In attendance

Cllrs Forrest and Moreland and Alistair Lennie.

4. Declarations of interest.

None

5. Minutes of 2022 AGM

Proposed by Alan Stewart, seconded by Martin Anstess.

6. Matters arising

None

7. Adoption of accounts to end March 2023

Proposed by Jan McCormack, seconded by Liz Seabrook.

8. Convener's Report

Appended

9. Co-option of members

None

10. Election of office bearers

With the decision of Steve to resign, and with no volunteers for the post of convener, it was unanimously agreed that Eleanor would continue until the next SCCC meeting in August. A candidate will be required prior to or at the August meeting.

Joyce was re-elected to treasurer post unanimously, proposed by Eleanor and seconded by Jan.

Michael was re-elected to secretary post unanimously, proposed by Eleanor and seconded by Martin.

11. AOCB

None

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Convener's Report

Thank you to everyone who has come along to the meeting tonight.

This will be my last report as Convener as I am standing down from this evening although I will continue to be part of the Community Council.

I would love to be able to finish on a positive note but this is not the case as, unfortunately, there has been little progress on many of the matters we have brought up at recent meetings.

I had hoped to say that at least the dropped kerbs have been installed but, although there has been progress here, this project has not been completed as one or two areas have been overlooked.

No progress has been reported on the issues of the bus service for the High Road or for the re-opening of Eleanor Lane. Not only has there been no progress on these issues but no good reasons have been given for the lack of progress which is frustrating.

Recruiting new members for future Community Councils is going to be difficult if this continues as there is no great incentive to joining a group which is constantly met with negativity.

The War Memorial is still a disgrace after seemingly endless years of trying to get things improved. It is high time some Council Officer, who knows what they are doing, came out to inspect it and got something done about the weeds growing in abundance. It is an area which should be highly respected but no-one from the Council seems to care about it. When SCCC tried to take over the care of the area a year or two back, we were given detailed instructions on how the area would need to be maintained but these don't seem to apply to council workers as little work is done by them. Inspiring Innellan volunteers have, once again, recently partially tidied the area but, as I said in my report in 2022, even the artificial grass looks as if it is dying. I don't know why we bother at times but the fact remains that this is an area which people care about and something needs to be done.

ACHA has resolved the situation with the so-called 'Village Green' and 'Secret Bay' areas to their satisfaction but the matter of the wall at the steps is still not resolved. This needs to be attended to sooner rather than later so perhaps this is something which should be looked into.

This is a very negative report, I know, but on the other hand, I would like to close by saying that, despite the many frustrations, I have enjoyed being Convener and wish my successor well for the future.