

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY TRUST LTD.



**Chairperson's email bulletin
December 2014**

Dear Member

This is our latest Chair's bulletin to keep you informed about what is happening and, as always, to offer ourselves up to answer any questions you may have.

RESULTS OF THE AGM

We held our AGM on 3rd December and many thanks to all of those who came to show interest and lend your support. We hope you enjoyed the meeting itself and thank you for your input during the question and answer session. The more thoughts and ideas you provide, the better informed we are in our decision making.....great.

Chair's report: Ed read out the Chair's report and this can be found on our website on the 'Documents' page under 'Chairs Annual Reports'. The main thrust of the report was as follows: to provide the community with information on potential income during the coming years; to encourage ambition; and to recommend the employment of a Community Project Co-ordinator, employed by the Trust but available to the whole community to help get the bigger 'legacy' projects underway by winning funding, building business plans and project managing.

Annual Accounts for 2013/14: Our own Finance Director, Frank Ellam, and Paul Capewell from A9 Accountancy had produced the annual accounts and Paul, as the person ultimately responsible for said Accounts, presented them to Members and offered to answer questions as required. On behalf of all Directors and Members, we have thanked Paul for his excellent work to date. The Accounts will now be presented to Company's House and are available for viewing on our website on the 'Documents' page.

New Directors: There were four spaces available and four people offered their nominations so all four were accepted as Member Directors of your Trust. They are: Zoe Iliffe, Stewart Macpherson, Frank Ellam and Gordon McAndie. Following the AGM, the Directors held a second meeting and appointed the following as Co-opted Directors: Ed Ley-Wilson and Katie Ellam. Ed had stood down as Director at the AGM because he is leaving the area next year. However, having now been appointed Co-opted Director, he will continue as Chairperson for the next six months and Katie continues in her role as Liaison Director. Sharon Ferguson continues her role as Vice Chair and Frank Ellam as Finance Director.

Article changes: Following the Special Resolution, two article changes were unanimously passed by Members in a secret ballot. You will soon see the updated Articles on our website and you will find the changes within articles 57, 62, 62a and 68. In essence, the changes allow us to do two things: firstly, to appoint either members or non-members as Co-opted Directors; and secondly, to dramatically improve the administrative efficiency of the Director voting process by closing nominations 14 days in advance of the AGM.

Thank you to those Members present who helped us make these much needed changes and if anyone wants more information about them then please do call or email any of your Directors at any time.

Question and Answer session: During the counting of votes we held a question and answer session focusing mainly on the proposal for employing a Project Co-ordinator for the community. A number of comments and ideas came from the floor and these will all add to the continuing debate during the coming weeks. Thank you to those who contributed and we hope you will continue to help us with your thoughts and ideas as this project moves forward.

What happens next? Our new Directors will undertake Directors' Training as appropriate and normal business continues with our regular monthly Directors' meetings.

Kind regards



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