

Buckie Area Forum

Minutes of the BAF Extraordinary General Meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday 21st September 2022

Present: Christine Allan (CA), Dawn Brodie (DB), Colin Burch (CB), Susan Chalmers (SC), Ian Collacott (IC), Christine Fairbairn (CF), Fiona Herd (FH), Cara Kennie (CK), Ernest Kopp (EK), Emma Marandola (EM – left 7.30pm), Gordon McDonald (GM, chair), Kevin McKay (KM), Cllr Marc Macrae (MM), Morag Stewart (MS), Cllr Sonya Warren (SW)

Apologies: Leah Rossvoll, Cllr Neil McLennan, Cllr Ben Williams

The meeting was opened at 7pm by GM. He explained the reason for the meeting (to change BAF's constitution) and the need for the change. The current constitution does not allow BAF to own or lease property. There is agreement amongst local community organisations and individuals that some sort of community hub is highly desirable over the winter, to help and support local residents during the cost-of-living crisis, and in light of significant energy price increases. The proposed changes were circulated to all members in a previous email, and replace paragraph 11 with a new paragraph, and alter paragraph numbering. SC requested the chair to read the new wording. The inserted text is:

"11 Title to Property

11.1. Buckie Area Forum, may purchase lease, hire or otherwise lawfully acquire such property or other rights and privileges as may be necessary for the benefit of the community, and construct, maintain and alter the same. The title of all and any real property is to be vested in the Buckie Area Forum Office bearers acting as trustees for the Buckie Area Forum. The number of trustees shall not be less than two or more than four. Property and other assets belonging to the Buckie Area Forum shall be vested in the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the Buckie Area Forum and their successors in these respective offices.

11.2 In the event of the Buckie Area Forum dissolving, all efforts should be made to transfer any properties to similarly minded local bodies with a charitable purpose."

The numbers in the Constitution are altered to accommodate this change.

There was a brief discussion, following which there was unanimous approval of the proposed change. The new constitution applies from this meeting.

GM thanked attendees, and closed the EGM at 7.12pm.