

THE SOUTHSIDE ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of 40th Annual General Meeting held in the South Side Community Education Centre on Tuesday 1 May 2012, at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Sandra McCormick (Chair), Vera Anderson, Maggie Bagan, Tom Bonallo, PC Steve Cairns, Alastair Cattenach, Colin Christison (Secretary), Linda Femister, Jan Fraser, Sheila Gilmore MP, Linda Hendry, Robert Hodgart, Tom King, Isobel Leckie, May Linton (Membership Secretary), Carol McHugh, Kenny McLeod, Rose Mongan, Ethel Murray, George Pitcher, Molly Ross, Lisa Sibbald (Vice Chair), Keith Smith, Pamela Spiers, Marjory Watson, and Joan Young.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Sandra welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Robert Beaton, Cllr Steve Burgess, Jean Miller, Cllr Ian Perry, David Raine, Cllr Cameron Rose, Robert Ross, Fiona Scott (Treasurer), Jo Scott, Duncan Smith, Louise Smith, and Colin Symes.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 3 May 2011

Approved; proposed by Linda Femister, and seconded by George Pitcher

3. Annual Reports (tabled)

Written copies of the joint report from the Chair and Secretary, and copies of the audited annual accounts, were distributed. Colin Christison summarised the reports, mentioning the various speakers who had attended during the year. Membership numbers were down slightly, and he said it was important for new members to be recruited. Until the Southside Community Council was re-established the Association would examine planning and licensing issues.

Sandra McCormick then vacated the Chair, and Keith Smith was invited to chair the next part of the meeting.

4. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Keith paid tribute to the work of the Association over the year, and thanked the outgoing office-bearers. Mentioning the importance of recycling these days, he noted that the

committee was also being recycled, and he read out the list of nominees and positions which were the same as the year just ended; these were as follows:-

Chair – Sandra McCormick

Vice-Chair – Lisa Sibbald

Secretary – Colin Christison

Treasurer – Fiona Scott

Membership Secretary – May Linton

Southsider Editor – George Pitcher

Four members to serve on the management committee with the above – Margaret Bagan, Tom Bonallo, Jan Fraser, and Molly Ross

The above nominations were proposed *en bloc* by Tom King, seconded by Carol McHugh, and all were duly agreed with a show of hands. Keith thanked the committee and wished it and the Association every success in the coming year.

5. Election of Auditor

It was proposed by George Pitcher, and seconded by Jan Fraser, that Raymond Scott be re-appointed as auditor, and this was duly agreed.

6. Any other business

Colin Christison distributed copies of the summary of the Southside Association's activities which he had written for the 40th Anniversary.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm, and Sandra thanked everyone for attending. Afterwards a celebratory reception and party was held at which Keith Smith and Sarah Boyack MSP paid tribute to the work of the Association over its 40 years.
