



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2022-2023)

Monday 9th October 2023, 7pm

Tollcross Community Centre or Online

Attendees in person (Tollcross Community Centre):

1. Andrew Burns
2. Ann Burgess
3. Christine Wilson
4. Ewan Scott
5. Gandalf (Associate Member)
6. Gerry Baker (Associate Member)
7. Jack Marshall
8. John Martin (Associate Member)
9. Kristine Sander
10. Margon Van Tuyl
11. Martin Wilson
12. Melissa Highton
13. Natalie McLachlan
14. Patrick Robertshaw
15. Richard Allen
16. Sheila Durie

17. Sheila McMillan
18. Susanne Mueller
19. Christpan Visperas (Associate Member)

Attendees online:

20. Helen Denny
21. Simon Brauhnoltz
22. Sheila Thomson
23. Councillor Ben Parker

Staff in attendance:

- Rachel Sedman
Paddy O'Neill
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Those giving apologies and giving vote by proxy:

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| 24. Katharine Ellis | 28. Liz Dominy |
| 25. Fiona Stephen | 29. Ford Buchanan |
| 26. Craig Gibson | 30. Caroline Jonge-Anderson |
| 27. Jim Campbell | |

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- 1 Welcome. Current Chair, Simon Brauhnoltz was only attend online, so our Vice Chair, Richard Allen welcomed us and thanked everyone for coming either to the meeting. We have attendance in-person, online, or through proxy, of over 20 Members.
- 2 Apologies. Councillor Neil Ross, Sarah Boyack MSP, Vivien Kitteringham, Iain Street.
- 3 Minutes of previous AGM. Accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by JM. Seconded SD
- 4 Matters arising. There were none.

5 Annual Report (Rachel Sedman, Development Manager)

RS gave a run down of the main events of the organisation from April 2022 to March 2023. This included highlights such as:

- 57 free community events and workshops, attended by approximately 250 individuals
- The purchase of two (smaller) boats
- Consolidation of our regular volunteer sessions and weekly walking group
- 1 volunteer becoming a paid Skipper
- Re-launching the Edinburgh Canal Festival in a new format
- Two employees being from the 'No One Left Behind' scheme
- 60 active volunteers, giving nearly 2,500 hours over the year
- Growing our partnerships, reach and impact

We had a good number of funders including The National Lottery Awards for All Scotland, Volunteer Support Fund (Impact Funding Partners), Development Trust Association Scotland, Scottish Community Alliance, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, Scottish Canals, EVOG and City of Edinburgh Council.

In 2023, the value of time given by our volunteers, calculated at Real Living Wage, was £27,298 (£14,578 in 2022). We took 3,214 people out on Lochrin Belle, on one of 240 trips (1,763 people / 137 trips in 2022).

In summary, the organisation has really come on and we are still growing in size and scope as we look to become a vibrant and sustainable Community Development Trust.

6 Annual Accounts.

a. Accounts to March 2022

Jack Marshall, Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts.

The accounts for the year represent a 12-month period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. The figures can be viewed in the Annual Accounts. Overall, FCCT has a strong balance sheet and a good cashflow.

We have sought to build up the reserves and create a replacement fund, mainly for the boats and particularly as the Lochrin Belle at 15 years old has now been written off in the balance sheet.

There was a question about the difference between unrestricted and restricted funds, which was explained.

The 2023 Annual Accounts were proposed by PR and seconded MH.

b. Appointment of Auditors

As there have been some changes in our current Accountancy firm, Sheila Durie and Jack Marshall sought new quotes from 4 firms to make sure we are getting the services we currently require, and for a reasonable price. After considering those returned proposals, Jack and Sheila would like to propose appointing AAB Accounting Group.

There were no questions and this was agreed unanimously by the members.

7 Appointment of Directors

During 2022/23 there were 10 Directors: Richard Allen, Simon Brauholtz, Helen Denny, Melissa Highton, Patrick Robertshaw, Fiona Stephen, Sheila Durie, Sheila McMillan, Jack Marshall and Gerry Baker.

As per our constitution 1/3 of Directors should stand down but are eligible for immediate re-election.

The Directors standing down, and also re-standing for election are: Richard Allen, Helen Denny, Melissa Highton and Patrick Robertshaw.

There was also one other nominations for new Directors – Natalie Mclachlan.

The Members unanimously decided to vote the 4 existing and 1 new Director in together. Proposed by SM and seconded by CW.

Office Bearers will be appointed by the Directors themselves at the next Board Meeting.

8 Any other business

There was none.

9 Close of meeting

The Chair thanked everyone for their time and support and closed the AGM meeting.