

Carlisle Parish Councils Association

Part 2 – Carlisle Parish Councils Association Annual General Meeting

1. Welcome and Apologies

Craig Nicholson welcomed all those present to the AGM of the Carlisle Parish Councils Association (CPCA).

Apologies were received from Bewcastle PC.

2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 10th November 2014

The minutes of the last AGM held on 10th November 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Chairman's Report

Craig Nicholson presented his Chairman's report. A copy of the report is attached for information. Craig explained that he had been acting CPCA chairman due to the resignation of Jocelyn Holland.

5. Treasurer's Report

Claire Rankin presented the Treasurers report (copy attached).

6. Election of Officers

Nominations for the position of Chairman were received.

Craig Nicholson (Stanwix Rural Parish Council) was proposed by William Little (Orton Parish Council) and seconded by Ronnie Auld (Dalston Parish Council). Craig was duly elected.

Nominations were received for the position of Vice-Chairman.

William Bundred was proposed by Craig Nicholson (Stanwix Rural Parish Council) and seconded by Barry Earp (Wetheral Parish Council). William was duly elected.

7. Election of Representatives to the CPCA Executive Committee

The existing members of the CPCA Executive Committee are:

Craig Nicholson, Ronnie Auld, William Little, William Bundred, Bryan Craig, Keith McIntosh, Mike Ridley, Oliver Rickerby, Mike Higginbotham and David Moorat.

All existing members indicated they were still willing to serve and were duly elected.

Craig reminded those present that there remained a vacancy on the CPCA Executive Committee for a clerk representative.

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8. Election of Representatives to the CALC Executive Committee

The current representatives on the CALC executive are Craig Nicholson and Ronnie Auld. Mike Higginbotham (Wetheral Parish Council) proposed that Craig and Ronnie remain as the Carlisle representatives on the CALC Executive. This was seconded by William Little (Orton Parish Council).

9. Any Other Business

Ronnie Auld introduced Samantha Bagshaw who has been appointed as the new Chief Officer of CALC. Sam has taken over the position following the retirement of David Claxton. Sam has previously worked at Eden District Council where she oversaw the creation of the Penrith Town Council.

In response to the chairman's report, Ronnie Auld felt that it was very important to re-establish the Rural Support Group and felt the proposal to create an e-group was not sufficient and that the RSG should meet at least twice per annum. It was clarified that the role of the RSG was to rural proof policies being developed by the Principal Authorities.

The issue of attendance from both officers and members of the Principal Authorities at the tripartite meetings was raised. It was noted that there were very few Members of the City Council Executive and the County Council Local Committee present at the meeting. Craig agreed to raise this issue with both authorities.

Mike Fox suggested that a smaller group was needed to look at the issue of street lighting and report back to the next CPCA meeting.

The Parish Charter was discussed and in particular the Planning Agreement. It was suggested that the whole Parish Charter be re-circulated to Parish Councils in order to refresh parishes about the content of the document. Craig also agreed to contact the County Council regarding the County elements of the Charter.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be in March and will be a tripartite meeting hosted and chaired by the County Council.