

Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17th November 2021 – 7PM - Zoom Video Conference

Stewart Prodger (Chair); Kirsten Halliday (Vice Chair); Roddy Ross (Treasurer); Lorraine Gillies (Secretary / CEO); Willie Clark (Staff); Mark Armstrong (Staff); Varrie McDevitt (Staff); Jack Birrell (Trustee); Kathryn Shanks (Trustee); Ron McKail (Trustee); Easton Millar (Trustee); Derek Hart (Trustee); Stuart McNiven (Trustee); Valerie Arbuckle (Trustee); Robert Scott (Member); Ian Fowler (Member); Madelene Hunt (Member); Iain Freer (Member); George Foster (Member); Dave Roy (Member); Mark Biggins (Member); Sally McPherson (Member); Percy Feketey (Member); Tim Mitchell (Member); Frank Conway (Member); Bill Beckett (Co-ordinator); Pete Hoskins (Co-ordinator); Stuart Fontane (Co-ordinator); Eddie Mahoney (Co-ordinator); Charles Marshall (Co-ordinator); Royston Goodman (Co-ordinator); Dorothy Cyster (Co-ordinator); Sylvia Mason (Co-ordinator); Shaun McKay (Co-ordinator); Liz Lumsden – (Guest Speaker)

Apologies – Alan Dron (Trustee)

The Annual General Meeting 2021 was held virtually over Zoom and again encouraged a large amount of members, as it did last year. It's really encouraging to see new and existing members alike attend the event year on year. We couldn't do our work without our members and that keeps our drive to better the support and benefits we offer to everyone in communities.

The meeting focussed on the specific aspects of governance and the business elements followed by two presentations. The input and feedback from Coordinators and members during the meeting was fantastic as well as the interaction following the presentations. We really hope everyone present enjoyed the meeting as much as the NWS team and Board.

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Agenda Item	Description
1	<p>Welcome and Chair's Remarks</p> <p>Stewart welcomed all in attendance and reminded all the meeting was being recorded and that screen shots would be taken.</p> <p>Stewart then presented the Chair's remarks reflecting on the last year and by how much our personal and organisational resilience had been tested and what an important role all involved in Neighbourhood Watch continue to play in helping community safety.</p> <p>Stewart highlighted COP26 and the many climate-related issues that affect personal and community safety. He highlighted the great community spirit but also the unwelcome developments with cyber crime, scammers and other threats and the importance of sharing awareness and advice widely in the community. Stewart</p>

	<p>Madeline Hunt asked about the balance sheet on screen and how it differed from the hard copy sent out. It was clarified that the hard copy sent out was a condensed format but was exactly the same figures.</p> <p>Adoption of Final Accounts for 2020-21 agreed by:</p> <p>Proposed : Roddy Ross Seconded : Kirsten Halliday</p> <p>Stewart asked that independent Examiner Brett Nicholls Associates be appointed to carry out the account audit for financial year 2021 – 22. This was approved</p> <p>Proposed : Madeline Hunt Seconded : Ron McKail</p>
4	<p>Election of Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Board</p> <p>As part of the formal process for election to the NWS Board the following were appointed as member trustees and co-opted trustees:</p> <p>Easton Millar – Member Trustee Derek Hart – Member Trustee Ron McKail – Member Trustee Kathryn Shanks – Member Trustee</p> <p>Stuart McNiven – Co-opted Trustee Valerie Arbuckle – Co-opted Trustee</p> <p>5 forms returned supporting appointments, 5 returned passing vote to Chair, 19 in attendance plus 1 proxy vote all agreed. There were no objections.</p>
5	<p>Presentations</p> <p>Presentations were then given by Liz Lumsden, Community Safety Manager, The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) on “A day in the life of a Community Safety Manager” and Kirsten Halliday, Investigator, Trading Standards Scotland on “A Pandemic Of Scams”</p> <p>Both presentations were excellent and highlighted the ongoing work, issues and challenges around both accidents, safety and scams respectively. Each presentation was highly informative and slides used in the presentations have been made available via the NWS website www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk</p> <p>Both presentations stimulated discussion around personal aid alarms, defibrillator access, and future use of messaging types and formats around Scam Prevention.</p> <p>Stewart thanked both presenters on the standard and content of presentations and thanked Varrie for her personal support with all technical issues during the meeting.</p> <p>Stewart thanked everyone for their time. The meeting was closed.</p>

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