

Walkerburn Public Hall Trust  
Scottish Charity Number SCO20747  
Management Committee and Trustees AGM  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm at Walkerburn Public Hall

Minutes of the above Meeting

1. Welcome & Introduction:

The Chairperson, Jade Turner, welcomed the 32 attendees to the meeting and thanked them for attending on such a cold, snowy evening. Denise Hanks, advised those present that she wished to participate in the meeting and could therefore not take the minutes as well. Jade suggested that Christine Wilcox could take the minutes and that was agreed by those present.

2. Apologies & Notices:

Apologies were received from Erin Hogan, Dawn Roger, Cath Hart, Kel & Alex and Kirsten Worsley. Kel & Dawn had told the committee that if new members were needed they were prepared to stand. A special thanks was given to Sheilagh Sommerville who was retiring from the board of Trustees.

3. Approval of Draft AGM Minutes for November 2021:

At this point, George Thornton raised a point of order which is reproduced in full below:

Thank you Chair. My name is George Thornton.  
I want to raise a Point of order and to present a motion:

**“On a Point of Order:**

*The Motion states that there is NO CONFIDENCE in either the current Trustees or Management Committee and I call on them to resign.*

I am aware that the Hall has not followed the correct financial management procedures required for a charity and is currently in danger of losing its charitable status.

I am informed that the Hall cannot at present access charitable grants because of this.

I also believe that the Trustees and Management Committee have not followed proper procedures when vacancies have occurred in **either** body.

Furthermore, I am sure I speak for many others when I say that I am perturbed at the current state of the Hall.

And so I request that there is an immediate vote of No Confidence in the current Trustees and Management Committee **and**, (if the vote is carried):

*that all the Trustees and Management Committee stand down and that a vote is called for the election of new Trustees and Management Committee members.*

The Chairperson called for a vote on the above motion and it was carried by 19 votes to 5 with 8 abstentions.

10 minutes was then given for interested parties to put their names forward for a new Board of Trustees and a new Management Committee.

The meeting was called to order and Patricia Purves advised the Chair that each name had to be voted on individually.

#### Trustees

The following people were elected to the Board of Trustees:

Lesley Thornton

George Thornton

Duncan Machell

Michel Lhombreau

Christine Tucker

Liz Fraser

#### Management Committee

The following people were elected to the Management Committee:

Dawn Rogers

Kathleen Keddie

Mike Wilcox

Jade Turner

Sheilagh Sommerville

Erin Hogan

It was agreed that others could be co-opted on to the Management Committee up to a maximum of 9 but only one of them could also be on the Board of Trustees.

At this point Ian Ireland stood up and proposed the following motion:

*This meeting has declared that it has no confidence in the former trustees and management committee. However, we have a situation in which 3 members of that committee still control access to hall funds and are signatories to the account.*

*I therefore wish to propose a further motion –*

*“That the existing signatories to the hall accounts henceforth have no authority to access hall funds except in compliance with written instructions from 2 members of the newly appointed hall management committee, one of whom shall be the*

*treasurer, and that they shall swiftly move to facilitate their removal from the role of account signatories”*

The motion was seconded by Katrina Malone and a vote was held which was carried by 23 votes to zero with 9 abstentions. The current signatories are Denise Hanks, Ruth Griffiths and AJ Griffiths.

In order for the current meeting to continue, it was necessary to agree that Jade could continue to act as Chairperson. Proposed by George Thornton and seconded by Katrina Malone.

The Minutes of the AGM held in November 2021 were then submitted for approval. They were proposed by Duncan Machell and seconded by Aimee Swartz.

4. Approval of Financial Accounts 2019-20:

Mike Wilcox said that because of some issues with the accounts he would prefer that they were not approved at this meeting. Patricia Purves seconded Mike’s preference and agreed that there were issues which needed to be sorted out before they were signed off and submitted to OSCR for approval.

5. Approval of Financial Accounts 2020-21:

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6. Approval of Financial Accounts 2021-22:

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The meeting then agreed that they would not be approved.

Mike Wilcox thanked Allin for all his hard work in putting the accounts together and the meeting showed its appreciation in the usual manner. An EGM would be convened to approve the accounts once the issues have been rectified at a later date.

7. Chair’s Annual Report – due to the motions above this was not presented to the meeting.

8. Election of Trustees (6) - due to the motion of no confidence under number 3, this election was dealt with at that point.

9. Election of Management Committee - due to the motion of no confidence under number 3, this election was dealt with at that point.

10. Appointment of a person responsible for the upload of financial accounts to OSCR:

Katrina Malone proposed that the new Treasurer should do that and this was seconded by Mike Wilcox. Colin Grahame asked what the role of the Independent Charity examiner was and whether this would continue. Allin explained that they would continue to look at the basic accounts.

11. A.O.B

George Thornton thanked Denise Hanks for all her hard work and said that the election of new Trustees and Management Committee would ensure that the running of the Hall could move forward and be put on a better footing.

Patricia Purves mentioned that the AGM had to be held in September according to the Deeds of the Trust and that the year end for the accounts was March. It would make sense for these to be the same. The new Trustees and new Management Committee should now go to OSCR and get the accounts approved and then look at applying to be an SCIO ( Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and this would allow them to make the end of year accounts and AGM dates the same.

12. Date of next AGM:

There was no date set for the next AGM as the new Trustees and Management Committee needed to meet to decide this and a date for the EGM.

There being no other business, Allin thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.