



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

23 February 2007 @ Staghead Hotel, 7.15pm

Present: Joyce (Chair), Andrea (Treasurer), June (Secretary), Councillor George, Cath, Jeana, Graham, Gordon, Brian, Stuart, Brenda.

1. **Apologies**

Action

Jim, Vic, Sandy and Helen.

2. **Chair's report**

Joyce gave a powerpoint presentation of our last year's work including planting and painting projects, and showing lots of community participation. She was particularly pleased that GreenFerry were now supporting and doing joint-projects with Queensferry in Bloom.

CleanFerry clean-ups were also featured including Poop Scoop Week and the High Street Sweep .

Particular achievements such as our Calor Gas Scottish Community of the Year Award (runner up in environment section) and our item in Green Places Magazine for Landscape Architects brought the year to a successful conclusion.

A full written report was distributed to those there. Joyce thanked the committee and their families for all the support they had given throughout the year.

3. **New Projects**

Jeana showed photographs and explained what new projects lay ahead, including the Police Station Garden, Morrison Gardens, Scotstoun Shops, Hill Court, and the area by Dalmeny Station (on Station Road). Jeana will go ahead and order plants, hanging baskets etc if our LDC Grant is approved.

Jeana

4. **Treasurer's report**

Andrea distributed a full copy of the accounts and gave us a rundown of our income and expenditure. We also start the year in good shape. Joyce thanked Andrea for her hard work on the accounts, and on the website which she also maintains.

5. **Election of new committee**

All committee members present expressed a willingness to be re-elected. These were therefore proposed en masse, by Councillor George and seconded by Graham. The new committee for 2006-7 is therefore:

Joyce
June
Andrea
Jeana
Cath
Caroline (subject to agreement)

The group may co-opt members onto the committee as and when necessary.

Changes to the Constitution

The committee had received written notice of a proposal to change the constitution, as detailed separately. These changes were necessary

for us to co-operate with a request by OSCR, which will help us in our application to achieve charity status.

Proposed: Andrea
Seconded: Joyce

Voting was unanimous. Andrea will now send details of the changes off to OSCR.

Andrea

Internet banking

The group **agreed** that banking facilities should allow the use of internet banking as directed by our treasurer.

Proposed: Joyce
Seconded: June

Agreed by all present. Andrea to arrange documentation for the bank.

Andrea

AOB

Gordon said he was impressed by what the group had achieved, and offered his congratulations. He asked how we managed to deter vandalism. Andrea said she felt that the environment now looked so good, people were reluctant to spoil it. She also felt that the tubs and planters were positioned in well-used areas which seemed to offer extra protection as people came and went all the time.

Gordon also commented that the Christmas trees looked very effective indeed, and asked about future plans for these. Joyce replied that they would make a note of traders who requested new brackets, and there was great hope of achieving a grant for this entire project later in the year.

Brenda reported that the Kidnapped Garden (Hawthorn Bank) continues with Queensferry In Bloom and Edinburgh Greenspace Trust. There was some discussion about the project at Walker Drive, which appeared to need some support. Councillor George suggested that GreenFerry should become involved in this if time and resources allow.

Jeana asked where our Calor Gas plaque should be placed. The boathouse steps seemed a popular choice. Joyce to investigate.

Joyce

The meeting then closed, and the new committee went on to discuss the following:

The first Greenferry Awards Ceremony will take place on 29 March at the Orocco Pier at 2pm. There was some discussion about the awards. Jeana suggested a small grow-kit for school pupils. Joyce and Andrea will see to invitation list and send invitations. Andrea will order a glass paperweight award for Outstanding Achievement. Both to arrange certificates to recognise achievement. Joyce to prepare programme for the day and a thank-you list of sponsors which will be displayed at the door. A short GreenFerry slideshow will be shown, followed by short presentation from a school (to be agreed) and then presentation of awards.

Joyce/Andrea

Joyce thanked the proprietors of the Staghead for sandwiches.