

DRUMOIG RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

held at the Drumoig Golf Hotel on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023 at 7.30 pm

The Chairperson, Euan MacGregor, opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, and outlining the agenda for the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Angus Anderson, Lesley and Gordon Sangster, Bryan and Heather Knight, Paul and Christine Edwards, Michael and Jeannie Duncan, Barbara A Morton, William James Morton and William James Morton (Jr), Jim and Jean Johnstone.

There were 42 members in attendance.

2. Record in lieu of Meeting Minutes of the Annual General Poll, 18-26 January 2022

The Secretary, Ian Wilson, referred to the "Record in lieu of Meeting Minutes of the Annual General Poll, 18-26 January 2022". This was circulated in advance to the members. Comments were requested when the results of the poll and the members' questions were circulated in January and February 2022. No comments or queries were received. He asked for any comments on the record. There were none. He asked if the meeting agreed with the record and the meeting accepted it.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chair, Euan MacGregor, referred to his report "Drumoig Residents' Association Chairman's Report to the AGM, January 2023" which summarises activities in the community over 2022. This had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. He noted that this was the first "in person" meeting since 2020 due to the pandemic restrictions. He welcomed any members from the new Kirkwood homes.

He acknowledged the support of residents for each other during the pandemic, and the communications that had been produced at the time.

He thanked John Cuthbertson for his work in negotiating with LPG suppliers and the subsequent benefits to members as a result.

He reminded members of the benefits of the "Drop In For A Drink" sessions on a Friday evening in the Drumoig Golf Hotel. These provide an opportunity to meet and chat with other residents.

The Kirkwood development will change the profile of Drumoig, but he hoped the new residents will join the Association and participate in the community.

There were no questions for the Chair.

The report was accepted.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary, Ian Wilson, referred to the "Drumoig Residents Association Secretary's Report for 2022" which had previously been circulated to members.

At the time of writing in December 2022 there were 134 households in Drumoig with only 15 non-members, 7 of whom had moved in at the end of 2022.

We shall encourage new residents to join the DRA when they have had time to settle into their new homes.

The Kirkwood Homes development had taken up quite some time throughout the year as it moved from site preparation to the first homes being occupied. The management of Kirkwood Homes have been much more engaged with the concerns of the residents than the previous developer, but inevitably there will be tensions as the development nears completion later in 2023. The Committee will continue to engage with Kirkwood Homes to help alleviate these concerns.

There were few community events throughout 2022. The Burns Supper had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions, but we were able to hold a Curry night and a barbeque. The new Committee will look at an events programme for 2023.

We look forward to welcoming new members as the home building completes, and we will continue to push for improvement in the environment in Drumoig through restoration work by Kirkwood Homes and maintenance work by Fife Council.

Requests to have Fife Council install traffic lights at the entrance to Drumoig and pedestrian crossing lights at the bus stops at Pickletillum Inn were rejected by the council as they did not meet their criteria. Reports of pot holes and requests for repair work had largely fallen on deaf ears too.

The Secretary was asked how many punctures there had been recently as a result of nails on the road. The Secretary replied that he was aware of 4 car tyre punctures – 3 in Pickletillum Avenue and one in Forgan Drive, and 1 bicycle tyre puncture. The Treasurer advised that he was aware of 2 other bicycle tyre punctures. These all coincided with roof work on the adjacent new builds. The member in Forgan had raised the issue directly with Kirkwood Homes' Land Director, but had not received any reply. The Secretary said that he would take it up with Kirkwood Homes.

The report was accepted.

5. Wildlife Forum Report

Martin Hepworth had taken over production of the Drumoig Wildlife Forum Newsletter, and he referred to the "Drumoig Wildlife Forum Newsletter – Review for 2022" previously circulated to members. There had been 6 editions in 2022, totalling around 90 pages. He thanked the regular and occasional contributors, emphasising that he needs residents' contributions to sustain the newsletter.

The Chairperson thanked Martin for his very well-received publications and the meeting agreed.

6. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Martin Hepworth, presented the “Treasurer’s Report for DRA: 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022” previously distributed to members. There had been little activity on the accounts over the year. No debits as there had been no items of expenditure, and £80 credits from the 8 new membership joining fees.

The accounts showed an opening balance of £3122.64 in 2022 and a closing balance of £3202.64 going into 2023.

The meeting accepted the accounts.

7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

The existing Office Bearers and Committee members had agreed to stand for re-election. No other nominations had been received. The nominations were put to the meeting.

Chair:	Euan MacGregor	Proposed: Francesca Kelly Seconded: Nick Randerson
Secretary:	Ian Wilson	Proposed: Michael Duncan Seconded: Guy Murray
Treasurer:	Martin Hepworth	Proposed: Hazel Norrie Seconded: Joyce Bennett
Committee:	Rosemary Davidson	Proposed: Moira Cuthbertson Seconded: Joan MacGregor
	Lil Smith	Proposed: Sandra Patrick Seconded: Jean Shanks
	Neil Sibbit	Proposed: John Cuthbertson Seconded: Jim Mitchinson

All elected nem. con.

8. Any Other Business

Prior to the meeting John Cuthbertson, LPG negotiator for Drumoig, had submitted a report “DRA AGM January 2023 – LPG Report” for information and discussion. The Chair thanked John for the report and asked if he wished to comment on it.

John highlighted the financial advantages that the gas users of Drumoig had enjoyed over the years and particularly as a result of the negotiations concluded in summer 2021 covering a two year period.

The contracts and pricing will be up for renewal in August/September 2023, but it is expected that due to the rise in wholesale gas prices, the price tariff for the next period will be much greater than the current.

John informed the meeting that he had been made aware of a price increase imposed on one of our residents who sadly lost their spouse. The utility company did not have both names of the couple registered on the agreement, and as a consequence the company took the view that a new contract had to be issued and a price increase was the outcome. Residents may wish to consider having more than one name registered to avoid the same situation happening again.

The question of LPG supply in Scotland, as a result of the Mossmorran production plant's decision to divert supplies to Europe, had been raised with the MSP.

On behalf of the residents, the Chair thanked John for his continued efforts and the meeting concurred.

The Secretary was asked if there would be a request to extend the 20mph speed limit within Drumoig to encompass the new homes. The Secretary replied that this had first been asked early in 2022 before the Council elections and again subsequently when the new Councillors were in post. So far there had been no response from Fife Council's Transportation department.

When asked about progress on the path from Craigie Hill to the bus stops at Pickletillum Inn (a planning prerequisite never fulfilled by the previous Morendy developers, but promised by Kirkwood Homes last year), the Secretary replied that he had received a plan for the path just before New Year and that Kirkwood Homes said they would be costing the proposal after the Christmas/New Year break. The Secretary is waiting for an update.

When asked if he knew what equipment would be in the play area of the new development, the Secretary said that the play area is still planned but that he did not know the layout or what equipment would be provided. He will progress with Kirkwood homes, but he thought that the play area would be the last area to be developed.

There was no other business.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting, will be on Wednesday, 17th January, 2024