

BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 9TH February 2015

Banchory Academy Library

7.25pm

Present: Mary Lennox (Acting Chair); Rebecca Glansbeek (Treasurer); Aileen Black; Louise Cameron; Jerry Cobb; Corinne Ogilvie; Rob Sadler

Officials: Cllr Karen Clark

Apologies: Cllr Linda Clark, Cllr Jill Webster; Nicola Kenyon

Members of the Public: Doug Bennett; Forbes Burn Linda Mitchell; John Owen

1. Welcome

Mary Lennox opened the meeting.

2. Adoption of Revised Constitution

Mary Lennox put the revised constitution to the community councillors, highlighting the main amendment which reduces the quorum required for a general or special meeting from six to four members.

Mr Forbes Burn then raised a point of order. Mr Burns said he believed that the requirements for this Special General Meeting, as stated under Article 15 of the current constitution, had not been met. Mr Burns then quoted from the aforementioned article:

“ Notice of any General Meeting at which a proposal to change the Constitution of the Council is to be considered shall be given 14 days prior to the date of the meeting and such notice shall detail the wording of the proposed alteration(s).”

Mary Lennox explained to the meeting that she had corresponded with the Area Manager who was satisfied with the amendments proposed and documentary evidence of this correspondence could be provided. Mary Lennox went on to explain that the current members of the community council were keen to agree on a constitution under which to work until the new Scheme of Establishment procedures are agreed.

Jerry Cobb asked Mr Burns to be specific in his point of order and said that it was important that quorum numbers were revised downwards given the reduced number of current community council members. Mary Lennox added that the new figure of 4 (1/3 of the membership eligible to vote should the council be a full strength) was in line with recommendations in the new Scheme of Establishment consultation papers.

Mary Lennox tried to reassure Mr Burn that the revision saw no major changes and the council was trying to be transparent.

The revised constitution was proposed by Jerry Cobb and seconded by Corinne Ogilvie.

The SGM was then closed.