



**Minutes: The Alyth Development Trust Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company was held via Zoom on 22 October 2020 from 7.30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m**

- 1. Welcome, record of those attending** (6 members of the public, 4 proxies received and 6 directors in attendance)
- 2. Minutes, AGM held on 23 September 2019: Approved by all present**
- 3. Resolution:** In light of special circumstances including Covid and the need for several anticipated attendees to be active on a flood prevention team on this date, the Directors approved holding the meeting without a quorum as allowed by our bylaws.
- 4. Chairperson's report for the year ended 31st March 2020**  
Nicola Macfarlane, Chair, presented a summary of the work of the trust over the past year including the following points:

**The Board:** We welcomed Kevin Thomson and Andrew Skea as board members.

**New Strategy Document:** Provides a firm base from which to seek funding/support and also a clear rationale for the public about our choices in what we fund. Climate Action is present in all decisions and is firmly central to strategy and a topic receiving (and deserving of) considerable time and consideration during meetings of ADT and with collaborative groups and individuals.

**Connections:** Over the year from March 2019, we have welcomed a number of guests to our meetings. Some have come to observe (and occasionally comment), others to contribute. We thank all those who have taken time to join us.

We agreed the need to build and strengthen our membership and our voice (and ears) in the community. Efforts were made, and continue to be made to develop ever improving communication, with thanks to Kevin Coe. Joined DTAS (Development Trust Association Scotland) Members of the Board met with members of other development trusts and formed a Round Table which meets 3 or 4 times a year (RYWT) DW and CS have worked alongside the Strathmore Cycle Network team to help secure finances for a development worker and to progress the development of the path. A Good Thing!

**Community Grants Panel** is made up of 6 local people volunteering time to process grant applications with due diligence. We are very grateful for their work as an independent voice regarding our community grants.

**Increasing our digital presence:** CS, KC and RYWT worked together and with AYP to explore the development of an online Community Hub which will provide a platform for the whole community to use to share their information. This was paused for COVID but may be resumed.

The idea of a **Community Bank** was explored and meetings held with experts. While not right for us at this time it has resulted in our making good connections about rural finance and access to cash across Scotland.

**Flooding/Resilience:** We have partnered with Alyth Community Support group and created a public plan: <https://www.lovealyth.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Alyth-Resilience-July-2020-final.pdf> This has involved extensive cooperation with other dedicated volunteers and voluntary groups as well as the Council and flood prevention experts.

**Funding for our work:** ADT secured additional funds from Temporis (Tullymurdoch) to cover administration costs. Funding was secured through collaboration with SCN to employ Grant Murdoch to develop cycling in the area. Fund secured from Climate Action Fund to precipitate coordinated conversation about the topic locally. This has been adapted to involve online conversations about specific topics in a bid to forge links with interested folk in the community.

#### **Sample of projects funded:**

- Support given to Andrea Holbrook to explore the potential of a local peer education scheme whereby folks with skills teach others without, called Micromastery.
- Support was given to AiB for purchase of sculpture/listening post/information panel along the Burn-side renovation.
- Support to Alyth Creates. Ongoing discussions about Jubilee Park with requests for public ideas. We continue to consider what could be done to make this a more vital space for our community.
- Foil blankets purchased, labelled and distributed to all merchants in town should they need them for an emergency..
- Story Box – wrapped up by CC when end of term came, and now reutilised as a resource for books on climate.
- Having been promised by PKC 18 months ago, we still await new doors for Ogilvy Rooms and Museum and hope that they will arrive soon.

The Chair then thanked each board member individually for the expertise they bring to our discussions and decisions and noted the distinctive contributions of each person. It was noted that all Directors of the Trust are volunteer and donate their services to the work of the Trust with no material gain. It was also noted that our meetings are open to the public, publicised in a number of ways, and that we welcome visitors and observers as we wish to be as transparent as possible in our work.

The Chair is leaving the board this year, and there were unanimous and heartfelt thanks for all of her work and wisdom over the past years. She will be missed but we hope will continue to be engaged as her time permits.

It was noted that we welcome interest in our work and would be delighted to talk with anyone who thinks they may be interested in being a director.

- 5. Consideration of Accounts year ended 31st March 2020** David Whipps, Treasurer, presented the accounts, fielded questions about them, and noted that they have been independently examined. The overall administrative expenses of the Trust are very low, and include mandatory directors liability insurance and a few other small items. We continue to distribute all of the money from the Windfarm back out to the community as reflected in our agreement with Tullymurdoch, and have been able to support a number of activities that have helped Alyth during Covid.

## **6. Ordinary Resolutions Passed at the Meeting**

- a. Resolved by all present to receive the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 together with the reports thereon of the Directors.
- b. Resolved by all present to make appointments as a Director of the Company under Article 64 and re-appointments as Directors of the Company under Article 69 the following persons for 2020/2021: David Whipps, Kevin Coe, Cathy Scott, Simon Montador, Andrew Skea, Russell Willis Taylor. *(NB: a full list of past and present directors is attached to the end of these minutes .)*

## **7. The meeting was adjourned by mutual agreement at 8:20 p.m.**

Russell Willis Taylor  
Secretary

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<b>Registered Office</b>	<b>Fernbank House, Bamff Road, Alyth. PH11 8DT</b>
<b>Company Registration</b>	<b>496882</b>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>OSCR Registered charity SCO47606 26 July 2017</b>

Directors/Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Memorandum and  
Articles of Association

Past and Present Directors:

Amanda Blakeman – Chair	(appointed 10/01.2015, resigned 13/6/2018)
Alison Bowman	(resigned December 2018)
Marian Bruce	appointed 2015, resigned 2017
Andrew Skea	(appointed June 2019)
Barry McLean	(appointed 2/4/2018, resigned 6/5/2019)
Cathy Scott	(appointed July 2019)
David Whipps – Treasurer	(appointed 2/4/2018)
Kevin Coe	(appointed 7/6/2017)
Kevin Thompson	(appointed June 2019, resigned 2020)
Clare Cooper	(appointed 18/01/2015, resigned 7/6/2017)
Malcolm Handoll	(appointed 6/6/2016, resigned 7.6.2017)
Nicola Macfarlane – Chair	(appointed 7/6/2017, resigned 2020)
Simon Montador	(appointed 18/01/2015)
Barbara Prettyman	(appointed 18/01/2015, converted to Emeritus status April 2019)
Paul Prettyman	(appointed 18/01/2015, converted to Emeritus Status April 2019)
Russell Willis Taylor, Secretary	(appointed December 2018)