

**WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2011 at 7.00PM
WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present:	Eric Forbes Elaine Blue Edna McKillop William Rice Donald Sutherland Michele Barrett Joseph Craig	Pauline Jackson Bobbie McCabe Billy McDonald David Adams Martin McLean Liz Rodgers Paul McConnachie
Apologies:	Alex Hardie Kirsty Donnelly Jenny Eaton	Ian Dyer – Inverclyde Leisure Janet Innes

Welcome

Eric Forbes in the chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending this year's Annual General Meeting.

Annual Report 2009/2010

Eric confirmed that once again this has been a very successful year for the Community Association. The annual Gala surpassed those of previous years, with the main attractions being the Grand Raffle with the first prize being a brand new car. Each year the Gala relies upon an army of volunteers without which the Gala would not run and thanks to each and every one of you – whether helping to organise in the months leading up to the Gala or manning a stall for an hour on the day or helping put up gazebos with everyone working together we managed to put on a fantastic Gala enjoyed by the whole community. This year's Christmas Light Switch on was also a huge success, even when the weather threatened to cancel the whole event with the Council cancelling the light switch on due to weather conditions, the Association continued with their arrangements and carols were sung, mulled wine and snacks were served and even Santa made an appearance and handed out selection boxes to over 200 children in the village. This year it was decided to extend the festivities and a Winterfest Craft Fair ran in the Community Centre on the day after the light switch on. This received a great turn out and was busy throughout the day. The Association arranged for a "pop-up" ski slope on the tarmac to keep the children amused whilst the Craft Fair was running.

Eric confirmed that a few positions were becoming vacant and that Michele Barrett would be standing down as Editor of the Village News and thanked Michele for her hard work over the last 3 years. He also confirmed that both Alex Hardie and William Rice would be standing down as Facilities Manager and thanked them both for all their help with this role. Pauline Jackson would also be standing down as Letting Secretary and Eric thanked Pauline for all her hard work over the last 2 years.

Paul McConnachie confirmed that he had prepared accounts on behalf of the Association for the year April 2009 to March 2010 and that these accounts were now ready to be sent to OSCAR. Paul reminded everyone that these accounts related to the Gala and light switch on from 2009 and not last year's events. Paul confirmed that the Gala had run at a loss of £1,600 and the light switch on at a loss of £194. Paul confirmed that taking into account printing costs, advertising revenue and then writing off bad debts the Village News had run at a loss of £5,000 and the Committee confirmed that this was something that needed further investigation and discussion going forward.

A copy of the Accounts audited by Paul McConnachie are available for anyone wanting to view them – please contact Edna McKillop to obtain a copy.

Paul confirmed that the next financial year was due to end on 30th March 2011 and that if all information was passed to him shortly thereafter he would aim to have our 2010/2011 accounts prepared before the end of May and would assist the Association in looking at funding options.

Eric then asked if anyone had any other business to be brought up or any questions. No business or questions were asked.

The Committee then officially stood down and as there was no representative from the Council the meeting was then passed to Elaine Blue as Secretary. Elaine confirmed the positions available and asked for nominees for the position of Chairperson - Eric was nominated by Bobbie McCabe and seconded by Pauline Jackson – Eric confirmed that he would be happy to take on this role and was again elected as Chairperson. Donald Sutherland was nominated as Vice-Chair by Elaine Blue and seconded by Michele Barrett - Donald confirmed that he would be happy to take on this role and was again elected as Vice-Chair. Edna McKillop was nominated as Treasurer by Elaine Blue and seconded by Pauline Jackson - Edna confirmed that she would be happy to take on this role and was again elected as Treasurer. Elaine Blue was nominated as Secretary by Edna McKillop and seconded by Bobbie McCabe – Elaine confirmed that she would be happy to take on this role and was again elected as Secretary. Both Facilities Managers had stood down and the position was opened up to the meeting. Billy McDonald advised that he would be interested in this position – Billy was then nominated by Eric Forbes and seconded by Edna McKillop - Billy confirmed that he would be happy to take on this role and was elected as Facilities Manager. The position of Letting Secretary was vacant and this was opened up to the meeting – no-one offered to take over this role and therefore Edna McKillop confirmed that she would be happy to take on the role in joint capacity with Davy Adams. Edna would deal with bookings and Davy would deal with opening and closing the Centre when necessary. Edna and Davy were nominated by Eric Forbes and seconded by Donald Sutherland – Edna and Davy both confirmed they were happy to take on this role jointly. The position of Editor of the Village News was then opened up to the meeting and William Rice advised he would be interested in this position – William was nominated by Elaine Blue and seconded by Edna McKillop – William confirmed that he would be happy to take on this role.

It was confirmed that Jill Pearson would no longer be able to act as Distributor of the Village News and this position would be discussed at a later date. The Committee would like to thank Jill for taking on this role and for all her hard work.

Paul McConnachie was then re-elected to audit the accounts of the Association.

The meeting was then handed back to Eric as Chairperson.

Six committee members were elected as Caroline McDonald, Bobbie McCabe, Pauline Jackson, Martin McLean, Liz Roders and Joseph Craig.

This brought the AGM to a conclusion.