

Marr Area Partnership

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 7th September 2013

1. **Welcome** – Jean Henretty, Chair, welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted.
2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd September 2012** – approval of the minutes was proposed by Eleanor Anderson, seconded by Nigel Healey and accepted.
3. **Chair's Report** – Jean referred to the Annual Report which gives the Chair's report in full. Jean noted that the theme this year is communication: how MAP and its partners communicate with groups; social media workshops have been held to build up networks. The forums have been well attended by a wide range of people and thanks to Lizzy and Mike for organising. Thanks to Aberdeenshire Council for its support of our Initiative Grant Scheme, which is why so many are attending today, and other areas are now following our method. There was thanks to the Development Officers and to the fellow directors for their work. Finally Jean asked for representatives from other areas to join as directors of MAP to ensure a high level of communication and information sharing.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Nigel noted that full copies of the accounts were available but a summary was to be found in the Annual Report. The total income has increased despite a reduction in funding from CNPA but matched by funding from other income i.e. social audit, social media funds, Renerco funding. Expenditure remains much the same. The surplus has reduced but is still healthy, and remains at this level to ensure a year's running costs for the organisation is held in reserve..

In response to a question about staff pay, it was noted that in the next financial year there will be a 2 percent increase to reflect a salary increase agreed by the Board from 1st April 2013. Nigel noted that the constitution requires the directors to approve the accounts and to present them to the AGM for consideration. It is worth mentioning that Aberdeenshire Council have given £6K more in funding the next financial year through the Service Level Agreement.

In response to a question regarding a reduction in CNPA funding, it was explained that we get pieces of work but don't have a service level agreement. Previously we have worked on the Park Plan and a vision statement for communities, while this year we have supported the Braemar CAP and facilitated an Inclusive Cairngorms workshop.

5. **Development Officers' Report** - this year we have provided case studies of our work, and highlighted the Initiative Grant Scheme.
6. **Elections of directors** – Jean is standing down but standing again for re-election (to clarify, directors have to stand down after 3 years but can then stand again). Mike gave a brief outline of the role of directors.
Jean was nominated by Nigel Healey and seconded by Eleanor Anderson. The other directors are remaining. Emily Wyndham Gray said she would like to become a director: she was nominated by Jean Henretty and seconded by Donald Boyd.
7. **Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts** –The services of Alan Howat, Chartered Accountant, were proposed by Jean Henretty and seconded by George Wordie, and approved.
8. **AOCB**– No other competent business was raised and the meeting closed in order for the Community Gathering to proceed.