



## Minutes of Glenkens & District Trust's Annual General Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

The Smiddy, Balmaclellan

7.00pm

### Present:

Community Council	Name	Role
Balmaclellan	Martin Warnock	Member: CC Representative
Balmaghie	Des Hadnett	GDT Trustee
Balmaghie	Shirley Thomson	Member: CC Representative
Corsock	Willie Dickson	GDT Trustee
Corsock	Joe Seed	Member: CC Representative
Crossmichael	Richard Middleton	GDT Trustee
Dalry	Andrew Mellor	GDT Trustee
Dalry	Michele Owen	Member: CC Representative
Dunscore	Graham Walker	GDT Trustee
New Galloway	John McGaw	GDT Trustee
New Galloway	Ralph Spernagel	Member: CC Representative
Parton	Tom Marshall	GDT Trustee
Independent	Fiona Smith	GDT Trustee
Independent	Matthew Shedden	GDT Trustee

**Apologies:** Denise MacDonald-Kiernan (Balmaclellan, GDT Trustee) and Matthew Shedden (independent GDT Trustee)

**In attendance:** Suzy Mercer, Foundation Scotland, Helen Keron, GCAT

### Opening Remarks:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked everyone for attending.

#### 1. Approve the Minutes of the Last AGM

The Minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved by all present.

## **2. Report on GDT's Activities in 2021-2022**

Fiona Smith, Chair of GDT, and Suzy Mercer, Community Funds Manager at Foundation Scotland, gave a report of the work of GDT and Blackcraig Fund activity respectively, including:

Governance – and the drive in 2020-2201 to engage with Members and Associate Members, improve links with non Member CCs and develop reporting and communications

Funding – a longer term Agreement with the Blackcraig wind farm owners was achieved, the fund strategy refined and £157,643 distributed by Foundation Scotland on GDT's award decisions over 30 grants and one commission. Some case studies were shared.

The Community Action Plan - Progress with implementing the Glenkens & District Community Action Plan was reported on, with the refreshed Steering Group and importance of the role of Community Anchors.

Engagement with developers – that GDT has no role in planning and consent was emphasised, with GDT taking a role in consultation and development solely in relation to community benefits. GDT had recently responded to recent consultations by Energiekontor and Vattenfall.

The Chair concluded by thanking fellow Trustees for all their hard work over the last year, the member Community Councils, and Foundation Scotland for their support.

A short discussion of the opportunities and challenges presented by community benefits followed.

## **3. Financial Report Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

Vote to receive the financial report: Approved by representatives present.

## **4. Appointment of Auditor**

The Chair proposed the re-appointment of Steve Davie as auditor.

A vote was taken to appoint the auditor and approved by representatives.

The AGM closed at 19.45