

Aberdeenshire East Liberal Democrats
Annual General Meeting
At 71 High St, Inverurie
Friday 22 November 2024

Present: Colin Gale, Diane Adam, Cllr Trevor Mason, Alistair Massey, Cllr Jeff Goodhall, Lorna Stirling, Nora Radford, Alison Auld

The attendance totalled 8, to be quorate requires 10. Members agreed that the meeting should continue.

Present: Cllr Andrew Hassan

Apologies: Cllr Marion Ewenson, Margaret Green, Conrad Wood

As Convenor, Colin Gale took the chair and welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the AGM 24 November 2023: Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Trevor.

3. Convenor's Report: Colin's report had previously been circulated, and copies are available on request.

Colin thanked members of the executive for their help and support during the past year and the past five years during which he had been Convenor. The G.E. election year brought plenty of activity. We did well and benefited from having an excellent candidate, Conrad Wood. The usual fundraising events throughout the year had occurred.

4. Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report had been previously circulated, and copies are available on request.

Diane then gave a brief report on the 2023 accounts.

Donations had increased due to the General Election, as well as fundraising, as COVID-19 restrictions are no longer in place.

Interest (Investment) income increased. 6 months' rent held in the appeal account to cover any unexpected expenses. Properties had had their 5-yearly valuation.

Repairs on the roof had been carried out, and there were the usual costs for items such as PAT testing

Willie Sinclair shall be the independent examiner for the 2024 accounts.

Concerning safety and housekeeping, Diane reminded keyholder members to contact Colin in advance of any visit to the office.

Diane thanked Colin for his support throughout the past year and his assistance with various party and housekeeping tasks. She also thanked the members of the executive for their support.

Finally, Diane expressed her thanks for the hard work and support that the late Peter Heald, as agent in several elections, had given over the years. Members of the Executive had attended Peter's memorial service that day.

5. Membership report: Lorna advised that the membership is currently 68. It was 71 last year. Two members who need to renew before the beginning of next year shall be contacted. One member has recently rejoined after a long absence. Lorna had used the local recruitment method, enabling the local party to receive a larger portion of the membership fee.

She suggested that next year, we look at the petition signatures and the list of supporters for anyone on both lists. They shall then be approached and invited to become a member.

6. Council report: Cllr Andrew Hassan's report to be circulated by Colin. In the meantime, he, Trevor, and Jeff updated the meeting on Council matters relating to the environment and infrastructure, sustainability, education and children's services, and business services.

7. Election of Office Bearers:

Convenor	Colin Gale
Vice Convenor	Conrad Wood
Membership Secretary	Lorna Stirling
Treasurer	Diane Adam
Data Officer	Trevor Mason
Secretary	Nora Radcliffe
Minute Secretary	Alison Auld
Policy Officer	Jeff Goodall
Fundraising Officer	Margaret Green
Campaigns Office	Marion Ewenson
Ordinary Members	Alistair Massey Caroline Goodall

As there were no objections, Office Bearers and Ordinary Members were elected accordingly.

AOCB: Lorna suggested that an email be sent out to the membership asking for bottles for the bottle stall at the Huntly coffee morning. 15 February. Trevor shall email the membership for donations.

Date of next meeting: Friday, 13 December, 2 pm by Zoom.

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