

WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday 25th May 2017
at 8 pm in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1. In Attendance

Brian Park (Chairman)	Jane McDowall (Treasurer and Secretary)
Jim Hayes	John Galloway
Ilene Park	Michelle Wallace
Amy Wallace	Brian Wallace
Rachel Beswick	Elaine Beswick
Marissa Beswick	Rebecca MacLeod
Dorothy Plant	Mark Taylor
Frazer Taylor	Ross Plant
Sheron Hayes	
Douglas Dewar - Stranraer Wheelchair Curlers	
Alison Murray - Dumfries & Galloway Council Leisure & Sport	

2. Apologies

Jane Fisher (Galloway Pony Club), William and Josh Rennie (at training), Lewis MacLeod (at training), Nigel Baynes - President of Stranraer Ice Rink Curling Club; Colin Dewar - Loch Ryan Sailing Club; Alex Whiteside - Galloway Thistle FC; David Ewing and Raymond Smith.

3. Minutes of the Previous AGM (May 2016)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Jim Hayes and seconded by John Galloway.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report.

"Ladies and gentlemen. We have had an exceptional year with Wigtownshire athletes winning World and National titles from a wide list of sporting groups and we have experienced outstanding performances from athletes as they progress up the performance ladder. I am not going to mention individuals as they are too numerous, but they have been recognised through local press and our Personality Awards evening.

We as a Sports Council have continued to distribute funding in a fair and responsible manner to support our athletes in competition, travel and equipment. This of course is only a small part towards achievement and it is the exceptional commitment and drive of the athlete that is rewarded with success. We are proud to have been of assistance.

Although the Sports Council is an independent body we act as a funding arm of Dumfries and Galloway Council in the distribution of sporting funds. We are very grateful for the support of Dumfries and Galloway Council, particularly at a time of restricted budgets, and for this our thanks to Councillor Graham Nicol for his unwavering support and flag waving for the Sports Council.

A highlight of the year is the annual Wigtownshire Sports Council's Sports Personality Awards which was held at Wigtown County Buildings on 31st March.

We took the opportunity to hold an "Awareness Seminar" prior to the Awards Ceremony to allow sporting groups to observe through display boards the sporting successes of local athletes / Clubs and also the criteria under which we operate.

4. Chairman's Report (continued)

Committee members and Andy Kelly from SportScotland were present to discuss our function and offer advice on various funding packages. The seminar was well attended and proved popular. We intend to follow up with contact to various clubs to progress interest.

The Awards Ceremony was again a great success with 34 sporting nominations from the general public being received covering a wide range of sporting achievements and allowing the Sports Council to recognise the outstanding performances. About 200 athletes and sporting personnel attended the ceremony.

John Ross, CBE, Lord Lieutenant Wigtown, presented the Sports Personality Awards and James Dunion; SALSC Finance Direction presented the SALSC Service to Sport award. Councillor Nicol gave the vote of thanks.

My thanks to our Secretary/Treasurer Jane McDowall who did an enormous amount of back room work in making the seminar and awards ceremony the success it was, and also for the sterling work she does throughout the year.

My thanks to Jim Hayes as Vice Chairman for his continued support and assistance and also to the committee members for their input to Council business.

Alison Murray from Leisure and Sport, Dumfries & Galloway Council, for her support and liaising between her department and the Sports Council on matters of common interest.

Unfortunately Raymond Smith, a long-time member of the Sports Council since its inception and for 14 years as chairman found it necessary to resign owing to health and other matters making it difficult for him to attend. He was thanked for his outstanding service and was given a framed letter in calligraphy to commemorate his service.

Finally thank you all for attending the AGM and giving reports in person or in writing covering the grants given. I would ask that you return to your Clubs and voice the work that the Sports Council does and if anyone is interested in attending out meetings to assist in grant distribution they would be very welcome.

That ends my report Ladies and Gentlemen and thank you for your attention."

5. Treasurer's Report

Jane explained the year's income and expenditure throughout the year.

Income: Similar to previous year with increase in junior membership but decrease in seniors. Clubs static. Grant from D&G Council same as previous years at £9,447. £300 from SALSC - Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils - to promote and raise awareness of Wigtownshire Sports Council - this was the seminar held prior to the Sports Personality Awards in Wigtown County Buildings at the end of March and contributed to the printing of the information booklets.

Other includes income from old minibus bank account which has now been closed - minibus was sold off some years ago plus monies from Bank of Scotland for length of time it took them to sort out change of bank signatories.

Expenditure: Grant aid up on previous year. Grants awarded during 2016-17 totalling £7,500 (£6,004.44 paid out to date). Promotion of Sports Council mainly paid for by grant from SALSC. Sports Personality Awards - slightly less than last year. Costs include catering, hire of venue, engraving of trophies and purchase of medals. Admin - includes fees for secretary and treasurer as well as hire of hall for monthly meetings, stationery, etc.

There were no questions on the accounts and they were proposed for adoption by John Galloway and seconded by Douglas Dewar.

6. Election of Executive Committee

Brian Park was proposed as chairman by Jim Hayes and seconded by John Galloway.

Jim Hayes was proposed as Vice Chairman by Brian Park seconded by John Galloway.

Jane McDowall was proposed as Secretary & Treasurer by Brian Park and this was seconded by John Galloway.

Committee members

Colin Dewar	John Galloway
Alex Whiteside	Ilene Park
D&G Councillors	D&G Council representatives

Elaine Beswick; Rebecca MacLeod; Dorothy Plant and Mark Taylor all agreed to join the committee.

7. Reports from Grant Award Recipients

Listed below.

The Chairman thanked those who had attended and those who had submitted reports.

Brian proposed a change to the quorum for committee meetings from 5 to 4 and this was unanimously agreed.

Dorothy Plant thanked Jane for the assistance given completing the funding application.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Grants Awarded 2016-17 - Grant Recipient Attendance at AGM - May 2017.

Club / Individual	Comments	AGM
Amy Wallace	Belgian and British competitions, competitions wear and new skates.	Yes
Amy Wallace (skater)	Travel costs to training - Dumfries	Yes
Ellis Hayes (Highland Dancing)	Trip to South Africa	Report
Fraser Taylor	Travel and accomm for Scottish Schools Curling Championship at Braehead Arena, Glasgow 10th - 12th March 2017	Yes
Galloway Branch of the Pony Club	Team attendance at Pony Club Champs, Cheshire.	Report
Josh Rennie (football)	Travel to and from Kilmarnock for training and games.	Report
Kaleb Johnston	Travel and accomm for Scottish Schools Curling Championship at Braehead Arena, Glasgow 10th - 12th March 2017	Report
Lewis MacLeod (swimmer)	Travel and Training	Report
Rachel Beswick (swimmer)	Winter Camp in Spain	Yes
Ross Plant	Travel and accomm for Scottish Schools Curling Championship at Braehead Arena, Glasgow 10th - 12th March 2017	Yes
Stranraer & District Riding Club	First Aid Training	Yes
Stranraer Wheelchair Curling Club	Competing in Scottish Wheelchair Curling Champs in Stirling in March.	Yes
Wigtown Bay Sailing Club	Buoyancy jackets, bags, plus Pico trolley	Report