

**Fintry Community Garden Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes**  
**30/09/2020**

**A meeting was held by Fintry Community Garden on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September at 7 pm via Video call app Zoom.**

**Conveyor:**

Michael Taylor (Chair) (MT)

**Notetaker:**

Brian Webster (Secretary) (BW)

**Present:**

Audrie Taylor (AT)

Jacqui Taylor (JT)

Alistair Jelks (AJ)

Alex Kidd (Treasurer) (AK)

Christine Dallas (CD)

Carike Barnardo (CB)

Helen Montgomery (HM)

Alan Fraser (AF) (Dundee City Council)

Kate Treharne (KT) (Dundee City Council)

**Apologies:**

Irene Stewart (IS)

**\*NOTE\*** Currently there is a global pandemic (COVID19) and the UK and devolved governments have imposed restrictions, therefore, this meeting was carried out online to adhere to the government guidelines.

Guidelines can be found here specific to community growing:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-community-food-growing-spaces/>

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies noted.
2. The previous AGM minutes were assumed as read and if any objections to these, individuals to email [fintrycommunitygarden@outlook.com](mailto:fintrycommunitygarden@outlook.com). The minutes are available on the garden's website under the tab meetings: <https://fintrycommunitygar.wixsite.com/website/meetings>
3. **Chairs report/update** - MT suggested how we have progressed as a garden even during these unknown times and noted where we are at. Michael pointed out the amazing committee and team we have currently at the garden and their hard work and dedication.
4. **Treasurer report/update** - AK gave the meeting an update of the groups finances and BW screen shared these to the meeting could see this. This included our previous grants awarded and what we have spent these on as a group. AK has reported the spending of the grants to the local authority.
5. **Secretary report/update** - BW informed the meeting that the group had applied to the National Lottery and they group have been awarded £10,000 for the purchase of a specific polytunnel, installation of polytunnel, delivery, timber for beds in polytunnel and installation. The group has also been successful in moving to the next step of the Scotmid grant application which was for a £15,000 grant for a community building. Once BW hears he will update the group and wider community. BW stated the insurance for the group via the RHS and the memberships we hold as well as organisations supporting the group. BW screen shared the Fintry Community Garden website gallery to let the meeting know what we have been up to over the past year. BW noted the ability for the garden to continue working during the lockdown/restrictions due to COVID19. BW explained the connection and collaboration been made with the local church food larder. CD suggested that some members of the community might not know why they should eat vegetables and fruit and that they don't always know what to do with them, hence the importance of including the recipes with any donations.

6. **Progress and development so far** - KT gave an update of her views of how the garden here at Fintry are progressing and the great set of skills all the volunteer's skills complement each other including the great location of the garden. KT feels our progress is great and that we are in fact more advanced than other gardens.
7. **Plans moving forward** – AJ gave an update on the plans moving forward for example a calendar/plan for the new season as well as a task list so that members/volunteers can put their name against things, allowing the workload shared and distributed evenly. AT informed the meeting on the connection and collaboration between the garden and Discoverin Families such as their grow your own initiative. CB suggested to the meeting about the likes of walking football or similar in the garden as this would draw people into the garden, put us on the map and allow us to host events beneficial to health in the garden that are not related to gardening. CB also mentioned the likes of livestock such as chickens at a later date.
8. **Election of committee** – AT was elected as temporary chair in the event of the current committee stepping down. MT elected as Chair with Nominator by BW and seconded by AK. AK elected as Treasurer with Nominator by MT and seconded by AJ. BW elected as Secretary with Nominator AJ and seconded by JM. AT stepped down as temporary chair.
9. **AOCB** – BW noted the AGM had been recorded but this was only for the purpose of the meeting minute and would be deleted once the minutes composed. The next regular meeting was planned for 4pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> October in the Finmil Community Centre (MT and AF to check restrictions then). AF suggested some crops we can plant now and with catchup with BW.

**The next meeting was planned for 4pm Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> October. MT to book this at the Finmil Community Centre.**

The group volunteers/members and professional support met at 6pm before the AGM to discuss the running of the AGM and also covered the following points:

Applying to the currently open CRF fund.

Changed the plan of tool storage from a shipping container to a shed.

Fence access from the Finmil centre and Library into the garden.

Awaiting the landscape designer from DDC returning to work in the new year to work on the garden's plan/design.

Preparing the curreny beds for winter such as a final harvest and covering the beds over winter.