

STRATHAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the inaugural meeting held in the Ballgreen Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 25 October 2011 of elected members following closure of nominations.

ATTENDANCE – Returning Officer – George Smart

Paulo Quadros
Wendy Gilmour
Alan Montgomery
Peter Mansell-Moullin
Margot McDonald
Morag Arnot
Councillor Bill Holman

1. Returning Officer George Smart opened the meeting and introduced the attendees.
2. Wendy Gilmour agreed to Minute the evening's events
3. Apologies had been received from Donald Grierson and John Innes and Gordon McAllan would be arriving later.
4. Nominations were invited for an Interim Chairman and Peter Mansell-Moullin was proposed by Wendy Gilmour and seconded by Alan Montgomery.

Peter commenced to chair the meeting and George Smart left the room after being thanked for his efforts as Returning Office and asked about his expenses, which he said were £5. Payment would be arranged.

5. The appointment of Nominated co-opted members from local organisations was discussed and it was agreed to approach the Business Association and make a general approach to other organisations in the town to try to get 4 co-opted members. This was proposed by Margot McDonald and seconded by Morag Arnot.
6. As the approved membership of the Community Council was 9 and there had been 9 nominations, there would no "casual vacancies" at present.
7. Copies of the Constitution had been circulated to all nominated members of the new Community Council and this was approved to be formally adopted at the AGM. Members had already received copies of the Code of Practice for Community Councils and Standing Orders.
8. The AGM would follow immediately after this meeting when office bearers would be appointed and the bank mandate etc discussed.