**Friends of Milngavie Reservoir AGM –draft Note**

**Held on: Thursday** **18th March 2022**

**Zoom meeting**

1. Welcome

In attendance: Committee members - Eddy Yacoubian (Chair), Lynn Cree (Secretary), Lon Edwards, Gillian McVitie, Alan Douglas.

FoMR members - Eric Gotts (Milngavie Heritage Society), Sue Gilmour, Kenneth Moulson

1. Apologies

Committee members - Cameron Simpson, Arvind Salwan, Murray Forbes. FoMR members - Jim Gibbons, Iain Cree, Barry Davison, Mary Hewitt John Wilson.

1. Minutes of previous AGM: Held Thursday 18th February 2021

The minute of the previous AGM was approved by: Eric Gotts, seconded by: Gillian McVitie.

1. Presentation of Chairmans report

The Chair’s provided a summary on FoMR activities for this year. The report is available on FoMR website and Facebook.

The Mental Health week was promoted by FoMR promoting the value of green/blue spaces to our general well- being. FoMR volunteers carried out a number of volunteering opportunities in litter picking/bulb planting. FoMR wishes to build up volunteering opportunities going forward.

Eric raised a question about the Burncrooks project adversely affecting Drumclog Muir. Eddy advised this area does not fall within FoMR remit. Eric will raise his concerns with our local MSP and Mugdock Country Park management for their input.

The path upgrade project is due to commence in 2022 and Eddy advised there is to a staged approach with a review undertaken at each stage to address any issues.

Barrachan is being considered for development by Scottish Government. FoMR has prepared a position paper that is available on our website that supports a sympathetic redevelopment of this site along the lines of a courtyard development.

Eddy referred to a project that is underway to replace signage at Milngavie reservoir. Gillian, who represents FoMR on a sub group has a concern Scottish Water has yet to fully consider the sensitivity of the site and is proposing Scottish Waters corporate images (Blue signage). It is hoped FoMR can influence the final design that is more in keeping with parkland/greenspace.

Eddy took this opportunity to thank all FoMR Committee and our volunteers for their input over the year.

The annual report was approved by: Alan Douglas, seconded by: Gillian McVitie.

1. Financial statement

There have been some running costs in paying for rooms for Committee meetings. FoMR was grateful to receive a donation from a FoMR member who participated in Turquoise Consultant; this was a Scottish Water funded project seeking visitors’ views on enhancing the visitor experience at Milngavie Reservoir. Final account balance is £1214.

1. Election of Committee members

Eddy advised all current elected members were willing to remain in post. As stated previously, there remains one vacancy. Eddy emphasised a need to recruit someone who can provide professional skills/expertise in surveying/engineering fields to ensure FoMR can continue to monitor future works /projects proposed by SW are carried out to the standard required.

1. AOB

Eric flagged up that the next Milngavie Heritage Society meeting was being held on Wed 23rd March that included a launch of the updated version of Nigel Orr’s heritage history of Milngavie.

Ken had taken photographs that received the attention of Scottish Waters Chief Executive following their publication in the press. This coverage has greatly helped in securing funds from Scottish Water to prevent further decay to Milngavie Reservoir’s infrastructure. Sue flagged her concerns that Scottish Water has failed in taking seriously their custodial role that has been led to such decay.

There was some discussion about the placing of a Scottish Water fountain at the old treatment works and it was agreed FoMR will pursue this matter up with Scottish Water to find a suitable location.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Dated: Jan 2020 (draft note)