

1st AGM OF DUNKELD AND BIRNAM FIRST RESPONDERS (CHARITY NO SC052654) HELD ON TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2024 AT 7PM AT BIRNAM ARTS	ACTION	BY DATE
<p>Present:</p> <p>Bill Nicoll, Chair, Trustee Sandra White, Secretary, Trustee David Fraser, Operations Co-ordinator Archie Muir, Trustee Jim Willsher, Trustee Mark Williams, Trustee Janice Willsher Martin Taylor Anne-Marie Martin Graeme Cook</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Izzie Campbell</p> <p>Welcome:</p> <p>Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Chair's Report:</p> <p>Bill presented the first Annual Report of DABFR along with a slide presentation. DABFR had been initiated as a small group in the area by Graeme Cook early in 2023 with the plan being to establish a Community First Responders' (CFR) resource. A working group was formed and so DABFR became established as a Scottish Registered Charitable Trust and part of a national network of Community First Responders across Scotland that year. CFRs are volunteers who are trained, supported and deployed through the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) to provide an additional volunteer resource to complement the existing emergency response. Trustees and Office Bearers were subsequently appointed, ie Bill Nicoll, Chair, Ginny Richley, Treasurer, Anne-Marie Martin and Beth Taylor. A number of development sessions followed, supported by the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) and aided by other nearby CFR schemes, notably Aberfeldy. Several members were enlisted including those wishing to be trained as CFRs and others wishing to undertake supporting roles and have an involvement with the charity. The overall aim of the Trust is to oversee and support the recruitment and retention of CFRs, to fundraise to provide resources for volunteer training and equipment, to the decision making and to raise awareness of the service. Bill expressed thanks to Ginny as Treasurer for leading the fund-raising efforts with the Trust having made several applications for funding and being awarded grants from a number of funding bodies including the Griffin & Calliachar Community (Wind Farm) Fund, the Sinclair Family Trust, the PKC Community Investment Fund and the Basil Death Trust as well as being selected as the charity supported by the Co-op Membership and Local Community Fund. These grants enabled DABFR to have sufficient resources to fund essential kit bags, equipment, uniforms and other items. An initial business/operational plan was developed which would enable a CFR scheme to be launched in March 2024. By spring 2024 we had five volunteers, fully trained by SAS over two intensive weekends of training and evaluation with follow-up sessions on airwaves training</p>		

leading to eventual certification. The CFRs will be deployed by SAS to incidents within the Dunkeld & Birnam area but they will not be asked to attend major trauma scenarios or incidents relating to children and pregnant women. David Fraser was appointed as Operational Co-ordinator who leads the team, liaises with SAS, organises regular training sessions and attends Trustee meetings. Another training session took place in August 2024 and again later in the year resulting in a total of ten CFRs.

David Fraser advised the meeting that the CFRs had signed on for a total of around 200 hours in April, May and June. More volunteers are required to train as CFRs but we need to target people with flexibility. Call-outs so far are low and no CFR has yet treated a patient as the ambulance service has arrived at the same time as the CFR. CFRs must complete a form if they attend an incident and these are passed to SAS. No statistics have yet been provided by SAS on number of incidents but we hope to receive this shortly which will give us an indication of the peaks and troughs and help CFRs planning when to sign on. Refresher courses are provided by SAS from time to time and DABFR monthly practical training sessions are being led by Simon Vincent, a DABFR CFR, with subjects to be covered provided by SAS.

Bill concluded his report by thanking all funders, volunteers, members and everyone in the community who supports DABFR.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill was currently also acting as Treasurer following the resignation of Ginny in February 2024. The Treasurer's Report is on a non -accrual receipts and payments basis and covers the period from the commencement of the project to 31 March 2024. Funding was split into Restricted and Unrestricted Grants and shows the total gross income received was £47,922 with total gross expenditure of £12,090, leaving a net income of £35,832 at the financial year end.

Appointment of Auditor: The accounts still require to be audited and the Trustees are actively sourcing an auditor.

Nominations/Re-Appointment of Trustees:

The original Trustees were Bill Nicoll, appointed 30.5.23; Ginny Richley, appointed 30.5.23, resigned 22.2.24; Anne-Marie Martin, appointed 30.5.23, resigned 5.2.24; and Beth Taylor, appointed 30.5.23, resigned 11.3.24. Bill expressed his appreciation to all former Trustees for their input. Bill remains a current Trustee along with Sandra White, appointed 5.6.23, Archie Muir, appointed 12.3.24, Jim Willsher, appointed 14.5.24 and Mark Williams, appointed 17.7.24. At the 1st AGM, one third of the Trustees require to resign but can be re-elected. Bill Nicoll and Sandra White had indicated that they were willing to stand-down. The meeting approved the re-appointment of all current Trustees.

Any Other Business:

Current activity to promote DABFR consists of articles published in The Bridge, our website and social medial channel but the Trustees are of the opinion that the charity needs to be more active in the community, particularly raising awareness with local groups, hotels, schools and young people as to the role of CFRs and that in an emergency, the public still have to call 999 and not contact a CFR direct. This was supported by the meeting and Mark agreed to take on the PR role for DABFR. Promotional material such as posters and stickers are to be considered.

DABFR currently has three kit bags, however more would be useful but the SAS currently has issues with provision of oxygen so do not wish DABFR to purchase additional kit bags until more oxygen becomes available.

A social event was held for DABFR members and CFRs at Mays of Dunkeld and thanks were expressed to Heather at Mays for her support.

As well as DABFR which covers up to Kindallachan and just to the north of Corbenic, there are other groups in the area including Pitlochry which covers south to Kindallachan and Stanley which includes Murthly. There was a group in Blairgowrie but this has ceased.

There is a gap in knowing the locations of defibrillators and Mark indicated that he was willing to purchase one himself to be placed in Birnam Glen which is difficult for ambulances to access. As he needs to know which type to buy, David Fraser offered to pass this information on to him and he will also pass on Graham Rees' details as he currently maintains the existing defibs and will be able to add any additional defibs to his list.

The AGM ended and Graeme Cook expressed his thanks to Trustees and CFRs. Refreshments followed for those attending.