

Minutes of the AGM of Perth and Kinross Foodbank held in the Perth Christian Outreach Centre on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Michael Archibald, Les Paskin, Rona Archibald and 5 others.

Apologies had been received from Christine Stewart, Helen Stewart, Mike Westall, Malcolm Scott, and Anne Wright.

1. The Chairman Michael Archibald opened with prayer, and welcomed those present to the second AGM of Perth and Kinross Foodbank. He reflected on the past year of the Foodbank, sharing some statistics but also some of the human stories behind them. In the past year the Foodbank has fed 3,000 people, of which 1,000 were children; the food parcels are much appreciated. He thanked all the volunteers, without whom the Foodbank could not work, but gave particular thanks to Les Paskin, who has contributed over and above anything within his contract. While local politicians show great interest in the Foodbank, Michael questioned whether there is really any political will to phase out Foodbanks. We really need bigger premises, and to be closer to the City Centre, and there are still volunteer roles to be filled, those of Volunteer Coordinator, building surveyor and van driver.

2. Secretary's report: Marjorie Clark reported that the Management Committee had met five times since last October. Some members had left the Management Committee in the last year – Jim Ferguson as Publicity officer, Elaine Lamb from CATH, Avril Williamson and David Gosling. She acknowledged the contributions of Anne Chatt in coordinating volunteers, Mike Westall with his computing skills, Rona Archibald with her newsletters and updates, and Jane Milne whose brother had helped out with Health and Safety checks. Issues which had been discussed by the Management Committee had included training of team leaders and volunteers, communication, data protection and premises. Grateful thanks were offered to the Christian Centre for their generous hospitality for the Management Committee meetings.

3. Treasurer's report: Bayne Shaw presented the accounts up to end of March 15.

Opening Balance	£28,198
Income	£28,231
Expenditure	£20,429
Surplus for year	£ 7,802
Closing balance	£36,000

Bayne explained that £36,000 was equivalent to about two year's expenditure, and it was good to have at least 18 months expenditure as cash in hand. He identified the various sources of funding, and gave thanks for the continued generosity of churches and individuals. Bayne was thanked for his work as Treasurer.

4. Volunteer Coordinator's report: Anne Chatt reported that we currently have about 140 volunteers on our contact list, most of whom are on e-mail. There are about 50-60 regulars including those working on morning and afternoon shifts. The next big task will be coordinating the Tesco collection in December, which she and Rona will be undertaking. Anne was thanked for her work on recording volunteer details and communication with them.

5. Coordinator's Report: Les Paskin began by saying how rewarding he found his job as Foodbank Coordinator. He made some comparisons between statistics in our first year of 2013/2104 and those in the past year; activity has increased by 8%, and the number of people who come only once has dropped from 80% to 65%, reflecting the changes being brought about by changes in the benefits system. 76 agencies are now issuing vouchers, and his report indicated the main issuers. He paid tribute to the volunteers, and to the Team Leaders, who were a huge help. He really appreciated their commitment, and said that all were part of the Foodbank team.

6. Office-bearers: it was proposed that the existing Management Committee be re-elected, and this was agreed. Fraser Hunter from the Salvation Army also agreed to join the Management Committee.

7. AOCB: it was agreed, because of the poor turn-out, that the minutes of the AGM and the various reports would be sent to all volunteers, and copies left in the Foodbank.

8. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting with prayer.