

Ardross Community Council

Minutes of AGM

13th June 2022

Ardross Community Hall

Present: Peter Allen (Chair), John Edmondson (Secretary), Alison Gordon (Treasurer) and Bruce Marshall.

Cllr Tamala Collier and Molly Nolan

James McDougall

Via Zoom: Clair Bale, Emma Kilburn, Margaret and Calvert Stinton.

The Community Council was not quorate to make decisions on Community Benefit.

Meeting opened at 8.00 pm

1. There were apologies from Willie Beattie, George MacKay and James McTaggart as well as Cllr Maxine Smith and Sandra Cunliffe.
2. Peter Allen proposed the 2021 AGM Minutes and these were seconded by Alison Gordon.
3. The Chair presented his Report for the year.

It had been another difficult year, because of COVID, but without the broadband the community would have had great problems in the continuing Lockdown period. It was hoped that with restrictions easing life would return to normal.

It was another year dominated by a wind farm and the very difficult negotiations with other community councils over community benefit.

Thanks to Jane Smith and Kerry Dolan for organising the Christmas Treat and thanks to John Edmondson and Alison Gordon for their work

as Officers of the Ardross Community Council. The Chair also thanked everyone else on the Community Council.

4. The Treasurer presented the end of year Accounts checked and audited by Ebe Esson-Clark, and found to be in order. This was for the period April 1st 2021 to 31st March 2022. Ebe Foster has agreed to audit the accounts for next year. The accounts had been previously circulated. The contents were duly noted. The accounts were set out in accordance with the format prescribed by the Highland Council. There are three bank accounts held by the Community Council. The Treasurer outlined the spread of the three accounts and a summary of the accounts.

We received £10,967 from Novar I; and Novar II of £30,827. £61,911 from Coire Na Cloiche and Beinn Nan Oigheann £3,530. The Treasurer pointed out that the Highland Council grant of £463.00 did not cover the administration costs of the running of the Ardross Community Council.

Expenditures were running costs of £2,329; Newsletter costs of £1,411; community benefit payments totalling £26,784. The latter consisted of the over 70's electricity payments: £5,538 (there were 40 households benefiting from these payments); the Xmas Treat: £850; Xmas Lunch Club: £1,000; Ardross Primary: £1,000; Fire Alarm Payments: £7,146. The accounts were agreed.

Following the recommendations of the Treasurer the following was agreed: the Secretary be paid £100 per quarter to cover expenses. An Honorarium of £800 to be paid to the Secretary was agreed.

The Treasurer proposed that the Chair received out of pocket expenses as per previous years.

The Auditor received an Honorarium £300 as a gift voucher.

The Treasurer was to receive an Honorarium of £350.

The Ardross Primary School was to receive a grant of £1,000 pa for extra-curricular activities.

John Edmondson proposed the Accounts and this was seconded by Peter Allen.

At this point all Office Bearers stood down. Cllr Molly Nolan conducted the election of the Chair

5. Peter Allen was elected to Chair and thanked Cllr Molly Nolan. The previous incumbents indicated that they would be prepared to be Officers Bearers again, there were new nominations for the positions and so the previous incumbents were voted in. Alison Gordon as Treasurer and John Edmondson as Secretary. It was decided to keep the Vice-Chair position unfilled.

6. Ebe Esson-Clark was confirmed as Auditor for the next year. Proposed by Peter Allen and seconded by John Edmondson.

There being no other business the Chair closed the AGM.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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