

Ardross Community Council

Minutes of AGM

12th June 2023

Ardross Community Hall

Present: Peter Allen (Chair), John Edmondson (Secretary), Alison Gordon (Treasurer), James McTaggart and George Mackay.

Cllr Maxine Smith

James McDougall

Meeting opened at 8.00 pm

1. There were apologies from Willie Beattie, Emma Chisholm and Sandra Cunliffe as well as Clare Bale.
2. Peter Allen proposed the 2022 AGM Minutes and these were seconded by Alison Gordon.
3. The Chair presented his Report for the year.

It was another year dominated by a wind farm and renewable energy developments.

Thanks to Joan Scott and Margaret Black for running the Lunch Club which was a very popular meeting place. Thanks also to Jane Smith and Kerry Dolan for organising the Christmas Treat. A thank you to Ebe Foster for preparing the accounts and also to Alison Gordon for all her hardwork with the Newsletter, and the Community Council Treasury work, as well as her work in the community. Thanks to John Edmondson for all the work he does for the Community Council. The Chair also thanked everyone else on the Community Council for the work they had put in in the last year.

4. The Treasurer presented the end of year Accounts checked and audited by Ebe Esson-Clark, and found to be in order. This was the for the period April 1st 2022 to 31st March 2023. 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. The audit had been more work than last year because of the large number of cheques issued last year.

We received £11,745 from Novar I; and Novar II of £34,723. £65,007 from Coire Na Cloiche and Beinn Nan Oigheann £3,706. 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 and had not increased in many years.

Expenditures were running costs of £4,019 including the purchase of a new laptop; Newsletter costs of £1,678; community benefit payments totalling £31,560. The latter consisted of the over 65/70's electricity payments, including the Christmas Treat: £5,997; Ardross Primary: £1,500; Hall Chairs: £720; Pipe Band: £586; Energy Grants: £13,531. The accounts were agreed.

It was agreed that 50% of the funds required for the electricity payments be obtained by applying to the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Fund. The same fund should be applied to fund the Newsletter.

Following the recommendations of the Treasurer the following was agreed: the Secretary be paid £100 per quarter to cover expenses. An Honorarium of £1,000 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 of £500.

The Treasurer was to receive an Honorarium of £700.

The Ardross Primary School was to receive a grant of £2,000 pa for extra-curricular activities, particularly to help with transport.

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

At this point all Office Bearers stood down. Cllr Maxine Smith conducted the election of the Chair

5. Peter Allen was elected to Chair and thanked Cllr Maxine Smith. The previous incumbents indicated that they would be prepared to be Officers Bearers again, there were no 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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