**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Wednesday, 1st December 2021 at Cannich Village Hall**

**Present:** Nigel Ellis (Chair), Alan Hood, Paul Stirling, Humphrey Clarke, Leeson Carlyle

**Apologies:** Georgina Parker, Cllrs. Margaret Davidson and David Fraser

1) Nigel Ellis took the Chair, welcomed all those in attendance, recorded apologies received for absence, noted that the meeting was quorate and declared it open.

2) Minutes of the last AGM dated 19th June, 2019:

The Agenda for this meeting had noted that the minutes of the last AGM were approved at an SCC meeting held on 31st July, 2019 and there were no matters arising.

3) Chairperson’s Report for the year ending 31st March, 2021:

The Chair summarised his report which is appended to these minutes.

4) Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2021:

The independently examined accounts, signed by the Treasurer and Auditor, were circulated prior to the meeting. Their adoption was proposed by Humphrey Clarke, seconded by Paul Stirling and unanimously agreed by those present.

5) Election of Officers:

As no nominations for the posts of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer were received, the Chair proposed that all the existing officers remain in their posts until the next AGM. It was unanimously agreed that Nigel Ellis would continue as Chairperson, Alan Hood as Treasurer and Humphrey Clarke as Minutes Secretary.

6) Date of the next AGM:

The date of 27th June, 2022 was agreed as the provisional date, dependent upon prevailing conditions at that time.

Signed..……………………………………….., Chair

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**Chairman’s Report**

Due to the Covid restrictions imposed over the last 18 months, this is the first report for an AGM I have had to write since June 2019. Therefore, this report refers to the periods April 2019 / March 2020 and April 2020 / March 2021.

April 2019 / March 2020.

During this period we held eight of the nine scheduled in-person meetings at Cannich Hall. The March 2020 meeting was cancelled when it became apparent that Covid restrictions were about to be imposed.

During the year, a new council was formed in November 2019. Annette Sutherland and Kay Graham did not seek re-election and both stood down. I thank them both for their contributions over the last four years. The remaining members of the council were re-elected and were joined by Georgina Parker and Leeson Carlyle. At the inaugural meeting in December 2019, the previous office holders agreed to continue as Chair, Minutes Secretary and Treasurer.

During the year we had regular updates from Soirbheas, Police Scotland and SACC, and briefings by Forestry and Land Scotland (regarding planned logging operations), the Strathglass Community Fund and an energy storage developer. Community councillors also participated in meetings with Soirbheas and GUCC, attended a National Planning Framework workshop and undertook a field trip with FLS.

April 2020 / March 2021.

Nine meetings were planned for this year which was particularly challenging because of the Covid restrictions. Eight were held virtually (with varying degrees of success), using Zoom or Microsoft Teams, whilst one was held in-person outdoors. Public attendance and participation was severely limited but we still received regular updates from Soirbheas, SACC and Police Scotland. On occasion we were also briefed by representatives of FLS, the Affric and Kintail DMG and Trees for Life (regarding their East-West Wild Draft Plan). We also responded to consultation requests from the Highland Council and various wind farm developers.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Community Councillors for all their contributions and work behind the scenes, our Ward Councillors for their continued support and our Auditor, Donna Green. I would also like to recognise the team that organised the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch in 2019 and the “goody bags” in 2020, and to thank the many members of the community who volunteer their time to contribute in so many different ways for the benefit of us all.

Nigel Ellis

Chairman, Strathglass Community Council

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