

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SHIELDSDAIG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Held on WEDNESDAY 16TH May 2018 – 7.00pm village hall.

Trustees in Attendance: Pauline McNeil, Sarah Wedgwood (Chair), Jim Alexander, Janene Waudby, Tom Tindale, Peter Fenton,

Apologies from Trustees : Nick McNeil, Andrew Ford, Kassie Forder , Kerry Smith, Viv Rollo

Absence : Alan Milne – resigned as Secretary during business year – presumed to have resigned as Trustee as from AGM

Members present: Alice MacLennan, Emily Harriss, Gerard Beard, John O Neill, Andy Moyes, Fiona Moyes

Chair's Report

It had been a busy year with a successful fete and Regatta taking over £10,000 on the day. The skiff races bring a new focus to the event and brings Shieldsdaig a lot of new supporters. The Skiff project is now fully fledged and has a separate membership. It is frequently out on the water and took part in other regattas during the year.

A Housing and business survey was jointly commissioned by the Shieldsdaig Community Association and the Community Council conducted by the The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust. A good response rate was followed up by an open day with further participation by locals and members of the Community Association to ask questions, make their comments and prioritise which of the various projects should be tackled first. 4 possible projects 2 with the community transfer legislation now available (toilet block and school house) new build of affordable housing and a business hub and purchase of nurses house. A small subgroup had been established which carried a lot of fact finding, visits and making new partnerships with HIE and the Small Housing Trust and DTAS. A further community event was hosted in the hall attended by Rory Dutton of DTAS Development Trust Association for Scotland. Over 35 people attended. Proposed changes to the constitution recommended by HIE were accepted by the members present – this had been attached to the invitation to attend the event and the subsequent AGM. Changes comprised widening the purposes of the Community Association and removing a couple of clauses which could be perceived as being barriers to membership. It was a positive meeting but concerns were expressed about resources and manpower to pursue the various options available to the community.

The community spent some capital this year – on new tents, equipment, and a shed was erected on the site of the old swimming pool.

Pontoon and moorings were successful and raised some revenue – an increasing number of boats coming to the village. It was noted that the Hebridean Princess was a regular visitor.

Village maintenance – lots of work done and feedback very positive particularly the grass cutting at the top of the village. Thanks to John for all his work and for recently painting the shed. Village also maintained and ran the village toilet block again during the winter. Thanks to Lil, Gerry and John McGregor for their work.

A successful booklet had been compiled and published once again - thanks to the editorial team. It was suggested that we give a present to Les Dominey for all his work for years. The Meeting agreed.

Other events held included a Halloween party, bonfire night and Xmas lunch. We also contributed to minibus hire for the children and a donation to the school.

Treasurer's Report

Jim presented the year end accounts - the business year is 1st October to 30th September, together with a copy of the OSCR annual return. Both documents had been displayed on the village noticeboards for sometime asking for comments. None received to date.

Constitutional Change

Meeting agreed the proposed changes and requested that the application to OSCR be made on Members' behalf. Sarah Wedgwood agreed to do this.

New Trustees/Resignations/Election of Office Bearers

Resignations: Alan Milne, Sarah Wedgwood

New Trustees appointed: Emily Harriss, Andy Moyes, Fiona Moyes, John MacGregor, Mya Aronica

Chair: Pauline McNeil Proposed Tom, seconded Peter

Treasurer: Jim Alexander Proposed Pauline, seconded Janene

Secretary: (to be shared) Janene, supported by Emily

Succession planning an issue - The idea is to make sure over the next year and a deputy Chair and Treasurer are found – learn what's necessary and share the roles.

Membership of Association: A list of members was compiled in 2014 and it was accepted that this list need to be updated in the new required format and made available on the website.

End of meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed