

Minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Arisaig Community Trust

13 February 2019

7pm

Astley Hall

Present: Iain Macniven, Julie Gordon, Pamela King, Paul Sheard, Peter Fleming, Judy Budge, Jane Foster

Attending: Alison O'Rourke (Arisaig Eco Project); nine additional members of the local community

Apologies: Lilian MacDonald, Rosemary Bridge, Chris & Zoe Pritchard, Alison & Gordon Stuart

MINTUES OF LAST AGM (15 November 2017): Minutes were approved; proposed by Iain Macniven and seconded by Pamela King

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman's Report was presented by Julie Gordon. In her report she wished to extend her thanks and gratitude to all Board Members, previous and current, for their support.

She strongly emphasised the importance of maintaining an open and inclusive communication and partnership with ACT members, the community, local businesses and groups, as well as external stakeholders.

ACT thrives to look after its employees and volunteers and is hoping to be able to create more opportunities in the future.

The Land, Sea and Islands Centre generates the main income stream, but equally importantly provides a hub for the community with various events and exhibitions taking place all year round. The Directors continue to seek additional funding from external funding sources to help develop the Centre and other larger projects.

Purchasing land to develop is high on ACT's agenda; the community will be consulted on matters related to Community Land in the future and all members of the community are encouraged to participate in future consultations.

The Public Toilets have had a good deal of work done, with some more improvements in the horizon. Thanks to all the hard work of the volunteers, and the cleaners, this valuable asset can be maintained and kept open for the general public.

ACT acknowledges that the maintenance of the Playing Field and its equipment is challenging at times; again, thanks to the team of volunteers the Field can be used regularly. Managing all of the station buildings is in the future plans, until then ACT continues to look after the station area, the planters and to use one of the rooms at the station.

A 23-months contract was secured to take forward the Eco Project which aims to increase local food production, composting and recycling.

ACT continue to develop a good relationship with other community groups through hosting and supporting locally held events.

Future plans for ACT include supporting a large-scale Marathon event, learning more about community-led adult social care, sharing knowledge and best practices with other Community Trusts, exploring options on community shares and Crowd Funding, employ a Project Officer, and attract members with specific skills and knowledge that could benefit the community.

No questions were put forward by the public.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Bunch presented the Balance sheet as at 31st March 2018, and the Director's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2018.

A copy of these are available by request.

NEW DIRECTORS – ELECTION: Julie Gordon and Iain Macniven stood down and were available for re-election; Judy Budge stood down but didn't wish to stand for re-election.

One nomination was put forward for Rosemary Bridge.

Julie Gordon, Iain Macniven and Rosemary Bridge were duly elected.

AOCB & QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: A suggestion was put forward regarding flower displays within the village. It was noted that the village would be greatly enhanced with new hanging baskets and participation in 'Scotland in Bloom' for example. The directors agreed; however, seeing that the deer has been seen wandering within the village more frequently, and the village being exposed to prevailing winds some flower displays and hanging baskets may not survive for a length of time. The suggestion was noted, and the Directors will certainly look into this.

A question was raised regarding the future of the EV charging points and the time these would take to charge a vehicle. Peter Fleming explained briefly the complexities of charging times in relation to the size of the batteries. He ensured that more information would be available as soon as the charging points were fully up and running.

No further questions were presented.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Refreshments were served and general discussion took place following the meeting.