

CRAIGNISH COMMUNITY COMPANY
Minutes of the 2020 AGM and public meeting
7.00pm July 14th 2021
(Held online because of coronavirus restrictions)

Apologies for Absence: Rory Day, Mark Hampton

Attendees: Iain Saunders, Robann Saunders, Vicki Burnett, Angie Perry, Christian Smyth, Rob Stephen, Angie Bird, Jo Leslie, Jan Brown, Clive Brown

Minutes of the 2019 AGM: These were taken as read and approved proposed by Vicki Burnett and seconded by Rob Stephen

Matters Arising: None

Chair's Report:

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Following last year's AGM the Board elected myself as Chairman, Tim Barlow as Vice-Chairman, and John Clarke as Treasurer. Subsequently John also took on the role as Secretary in so far as keeping our various registrations and organisation memberships up to date. Tim took on the role of organising our meetings and writing articulate minutes. Vicki Burnett has energetically taken on the role of dragging our publicity into the modern world and we are now to be seen occasionally on Facebook. Rory Day has had a hand in most of the issues we have been involved with and represented C3 on the Covid-19 Coordination Committee. Nick Purdey joined the Board during the year to pursue the possibility of fibre to the premises broadband. I would like to thank them all for their energy and enthusiastic support for our activities.

During the year we had resignations from Wil Craig, who helped with the installation of the defibrillator at Croabh, Scott Mannion, who did a great deal of work on the Roundhouse, and Patricia O'Reilly. We thank them for their contribution to the affairs of the company.

TALAMH NA RIGH

Talamh Na Righ was proposed as the name for the playground. Apart from having an attractive Gaelic rhythm, it loosely translates as the King's Playground so recognising the pivotal role played by the Righ Foundation in funding the project. Plans for community engagement in the completion of the Roundhouse were thrown out by the pandemic so the plan is now to have it

available for use by the beginning of the next school term, which is on August 11th. Celebrations will have to be left until a later date. The principal outstanding issue is the health and safety inspection and an email has been sent to the Headmistress to this effect.

KNOTWEED PROGRAMME

The results to date are encouraging. Much less knotweed is evident along the Lagoon. A further treatment will take place in August.

COVID-19 COORDINATION COMMITTEE

C3 offered funding for the hardship programme but in the event this was not required as the Council made funds available in time.

VILLAGE SHOP NOTICEBOARD

C3 has committed £2,000 of funding for a replacement community noticeboard outside the Village Shop.

BROADBAND

The provision of broadband in a remote rural location is a rapidly moving target. The goal is fibre to the premises for all dwellings on the peninsula and Nick has undertaken to see what can be done. Extracting quotes from Openreach has unsurprisingly proved challenging. So far the cost of installation for 30 dwellings near the Glebe has come in at £29,000, which is an improvement on the previous £67,000 and not that far off the available subsidy but there has been no response on the request for the community as a whole. Those not prepared to wait have moved onto 4G mobile broadband in the meantime.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Funding from First Responder reserves was provided for a third defibrillator for Craignish Point.

BOAT JUMBLE

The Boat Jumble had to be cancelled this year as a result of the pandemic and next year must also be in question. It is the principal fund raiser for C3 but fortunately there are enough reserves to tide us through.

LITTER PICKERS

The Company paid for the purchase of litter pickers to help with the beach cleaning.

Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts:

Thank you to John Clarke for helping my transition into the Treasurer role. Expenditure exceeded income by £6,369 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Expenditure of £12,273 included £5,729 to finish the Roundhouse, £1,607 for Ardfern's new defibrillator, and £1,818 for the new noticeboard outside the Village shop as well as insurance, accountancy fees, depreciation etc.

All expenditure was within the amounts allocated for each project.

Income was curtailed due to Covid limiting fund raising activities. However, £5,904 was raised, mainly through £4,368 of donations.

The expense for the Craignish Arts and Crafts Collective will be in the 2021 accounts and funded by the Scottish Government's Covid Recovery Fund.

Expenditure continues to be closely monitored.

Proposed that the report and accounts for 2020 (available on the website) be adopted-Vicki Burnett. Seconded - Rory Day

Appointment of Auditors: The treasurer proposed and Iain Saunders seconded the motion to reappoint R.A.Clement as auditors which was approved by the meeting.

Election of Directors: Iain Saunders, Rory Day, Rob Stephen, Christian Smyth, Angie Bird and Vicki Burnett have all indicated that they would be prepared to continue as Directors. It was proposed that they should be re-elected en bloc which was agreed. Jan Brown proposed the motion seconded by Clive Brown and the meeting approved. Mark Hampton has indicated his interest in joining the Board. This was also proposed by Jan Brown, seconded by Clive Brown and approved by the meeting.

Open Discussion: Jan kindly expressed appreciation for the work the Community Company had been doing, examples of which were increasingly visible in the village. There was a general discussion about holding a thank you party for all those who had helped bring Talamh an Righ to fruition. Iain expressed his appreciation for the members of the community who had made the effort to attend and the meeting was brought