

**Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting
On Monday 14th December 2020 via Zoom**

Attendees Members

Sandy Brunton	Chris Baker	Jane Brunton
Derek Crook	David Currie	Norma Dowling
Andrena Duffin	Judy Gibson	Liz Gibson
Duncan Gilmour	Hayley Gray	Jane Griffiths
Terry Hegarty	John Innes	Ian Jones
Josh Liddle	Vic Linnemann	Mary MacGregor
Rob MacManaway	Alan Parker	Bill Patterson
Suzanne Patterson	Joe Reade	Susan Ringwood
Andrew Robertson	Dot Stewart	Fiona Wade
Barry Whenman	Gary Wiltshire	Heather Waller
Sue Hawkes	Carol Finch	Alastair Laurie-Walker

Attendees Non members

Moray Finch	Pamela Venters	Mairi Greig
Ewan Baxter	Hazel Cowe	Ted Dowling
Jan Dunlop	Francis Hawkings	Helen MacDonald
John Pitchford	Jane Ransley	Sian Scott
Cally Fleming		

Prior to the official start of the AGM, there were short presentations by Jan Dunlop (Rangers), Hazel Cowe (MESS), Ewan Baxter (ReThink MESS), Moray Finch (paths & pavements), Helen MacDonald (Housing), Cally Fleming (Ulva Ferry Pontoon), Mairi Greig (Nonhebel Park).

1. Welcome and Apologies & AOB

Convenor Sandy Brunton welcomed all present, thanked everyone for coming and welcomed any apologies:

Apologies

Pat Wilson	Brik Halcrow	Catherine Evans
Ros Haywood	Peter Letley	Emma Letley
Alfred Letley	Mary Embleton	Mary McGregor
Gillian Cummins	Christine Leach	E C MacDougall
Anne MacGregor	Margaret Black	Isabel Sugden
Araminta Mackay	David Pollard	Felicity Pollard
Richard Hawkes		

Any other business

No other business raised.

2. Previous Minutes of AGM 11th November 2019

- No corrections to previous minutes.
- The previous minutes were proposed by Barry Whenman and seconded by Rob MacManaway.

No matters arising from previous minutes.

3. Report from General Manager

- Moray Finch (General Manager) provided his report which included an overall review of the previous financial year. There has been a large amount of lobbying and campaigning, particularly by Jan Dunlop in relation to the reduction in funding and support for our Mull and Iona Ranger Service.
- Collectively, there has been a big change in the way the Trust is managed, which is making the organisation more professional and how it looks after the staff. There is also a great team of staff and board directors together with other volunteers working directly on projects helping with beach cleans, tree planting, tree seed collecting etc and taking part in steering groups.
- Continuing to focus on projects of value and avoid chasing funding for its own sake. There is also a need to pursue an increase in financial stability in seeking out assets which serve the community and generate an earned income for MICT, in particular to support community benefit projects which are not likely to generate an income, but the social benefits warrant these projects.
- During the financial year over £1.4m of grants secured, majority of which for capital projects (£1.2m).
- Mairi Greig gave an overview of the measure being taken in house to improve staff well being, supporting staff while working from home, policy updates and our overall HR procedures.
- Moray Finch continued with the report looking at future aspirations.
- A question was asked by Terry Hegarty about the Pontoon facilities at Ulva Ferry in relation to re-use and recycling. Has there been thought of any potential synergies to take recycle off island, collecting it in larger quantities and exporting it in barges. Moray responded that he was not aware of this but is something we could look at, probably better suited from the timber pier rather than the pontoon.
 - Terry went on to suggest there be more synergies particularly in regard to Community Transport and electric vehicles.

4. Report from the Convenor

- Sandy Brunton (convenor) provided his report, thanking all those involved with Mull and Iona Community Trust. Sandy thanked members, volunteers, staff, working partners and contractors. He went on to commend and thank everyone for pulling together for their unfailing generosity in the nine months from end of March 2020.

5. Presentation & Approval of Annual Accounts April 2019 to March 2020

- Copies of the full annual report were available via the Website. These have been approved by the Board of Directors.
- Extracts were shown via Zoom and presented by Rob MacManaway.
- In addition the balance sheet and profit & loss sheets were also shown to attendees.
- The accounts had been subject to a full audit and have been prepared as consolidated with MICT's trading subsidiary An Roth Trading Ltd.
- Rob MacManaway gave an overview of the accounts and answered any questions from members.
- Approval of the accounts was proposed by Chris Baker and seconded by John Innes.

6. Election of Board Directors – Retirement of One Third of the Board

- As required by the Articles of Association, one third of the board are required to resign at each AGM. As part of the rotation, Sandy Brunton duly resigned and offered himself for a further term to be re-elected to the

board. There are also 4 currently co-opted Directors resigning but standing for re-election - Heather Waller, Joe Reade, Sue Hawkes and Jane Griffiths. In addition there were nominations from David Currie, Fiona Wade, Gary Wiltshire, John Innes and Sharon McLardy-Kentfield. As there are more vacancies than nominations, there is no need to have a members vote. Proposed by Terry Hegarty and seconded by Jane Brunton.

- There were also two non-members co-opted onto the Board of Directors nominated from the Community Councils. Currently we have Rob MacManaway nominated by Iona Community Council and Annie Hall nominated by Mull Community Council. These were proposed by Chris Baker and seconded by John Austin.
- Hayley Gray resigned from the Board but is not seeking re-election and was thanked for her huge amount of work done.

7. Fixing of Annual Subscriptions

- The Board had agreed that there will be no further changes to the membership model at present.
- Proposed by Rob MacManaway and seconded by Joe Reade.

8. Appointment of the Auditor

- The Board were in favour of continuing with Wylie and Bisset as Auditor of the annual accounts.
- Proposed by John Innes and seconded by Jane Griffiths.

9. Any Other Competent Business

- Moray Finch mentioned a former member Crawford Morrison who has been a long standing supporter of MICT and was on the Board for about 12/13 years.
- Terry Hegarty as our Scottish Islands Federation representative, could he talk to members of staff and board directors on how islands are working on a bigger scale than Mull and Iona regarding Scottish policy making.
- Sandy Brunton formally accept Terry's nomination as the MICT representative onto the Scottish Islands Federation Board. Proposed by Jane Brunton and seconded by Susan Hawkes.
- Sandy Brunton closed the AGM and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.