

**Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting
On Monday 14th November 2022 In Person and via Zoom**

Attendees Members (Z denotes by zoom)

Jo Austin	John Austin	Anne Baxter	Stephen Blazye
Sandy Brunton	Carolyne Charrington	Derek Crook	David Currie
Liz Gibson	Penny Goode	Jane Griffiths	Annie Hickson
Norman Hickson	Ian Jones	John Maughan	Colin Morrison
Susan Ringwood	Mark Strevens	Barry Whenman	Gary Wiltshire
Caroline Wood	Rob MacManaway	Graham Ward (Z)	
Michael Shilson (Z)	Judy Gibson (Z)	Mark Aston (Z)	Caroline Aston (Z)
Pam Wisher (Z)	Brik Halcrow (Z)	Jane Brunton (Z)	Robbie Cameron(Z)

Attendees Non members (Z denotes by zoom)

Moray Finch	Mairi Greig	Emily Wilkins	Hazel Cowe
Phil Rodgers	Jan Dunlop	Helen MacDonald	Cally Fleming
Leen Verslyppe	Mhairi Adam	Ian Adam	Kathryn Dyer
Ashley Gray (Z)	Sian Scott (Z)	Mary Embleton (Z)	James McKay (Z)
Gavin Wiggington (Z)			

Prior to the official start of the AGM, there were short presentations by Moray Finch (), Mairi Greig (), Sian Scott (Fundraising and projects over the past 25 years), Jan Dunlop (Ranger Activities, Ardura forest and Ardura well-being project), Cally Fleming (Ulva Ferry Pontoon and shore facilities) and Helen MacDonald (Housing).

1. Welcome and Apologies & AOB

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

Apologies

Rory Forester	Alan Parker	Heather Waller	Mary MacGregor
Tricia Evans			

Instruments of Proxy received

Anne Cleave	Annie Hall	Catherine Evans	Celia Royce
Carol Finch	Christine Leach	Linda Devlin	Nick Holmes
Dot Stewart	Francis Hawkings	Ian Nicoll	Joe Reade
Kate Grierson	Margaret Black	Martin Putsey	Nick Evans
Tim Dawson	Sian Bevington	Anthony Hutchinson	

Any other business

No other business raised.

2. Previous Minutes of AGM 7th November 2021

- No corrections to previous minutes.
- The previous minutes were proposed by Barry Whenman and seconded by John Maughan.
- 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. The year saw a transformation in the finances of our organisation. This is the first time in our history, the Trustees have been able to deliver on the Reserves Policy in that we do have in the bank six months of the normal running costs of the organisation. This includes all salaries, mortgages, statutory costs, electricity, etc. that would keep the organisation running for six months should everything stop.
- We have also set up an account with the Charities Aid Foundation, which is a cash platform that allows for money to be distributed through different UK Banks that all of our deposits are covered by the financial services compensation scheme, which covers all deposits should a bank cease trading. This mitigates risk to the Trustees in cases of bank failure.
- Thanks in particular to Sian Scott and Gary Wiltshire who have given us a new 5-year Strategy, a key document that we can refer to when we are making funding applications, if we're lobbying to the local or Scottish Government, or if we're challenged about why we're doing something. This document is available for anyone to view.
- The senior team is undergoing restructuring, with the addition of Facilities Manager, Ben Donovan, who is working to help keep the facilities and assets in good repair. We are also looking to restructure and build capacity of the organisation by adding a further position.
- The Board, team and volunteers were thanked for all their commitment.
- Mairi Greig gave an overview of the staff involved – over 13 full-time equivalent positions currently in house. We still have weekly staff check-in meetings via Teams. Mairi reviews policies and works to keep them up to date, with the sick pay policy and flexible working arrangements being updated recently.
- No other questions were brought up, so Sandy was introduced for the next item on agenda.

4. Report from the Convenor

- Sandy Brunton (convenor) provided his report, remarking that the structures present at MICT are not present in other organisations, and it is a credit that we can pull our policies off the shelf to be models for others. He thanked all those involved with Mull and Iona Community Trust.

5. Presentation & Approval of Annual Accounts April 2021 to March 2022

- Copies of the full annual report were available via the Website. These have been approved by the Board of Directors.
- The accounts had been prepared and audited by Wylie & Bisset LLP. The audit opinion was positive, and Sandy Brunton pointed out that this was largely due to the hard work of Pamela Venters, who has moved to another organisation.
- Extracts were shown via Zoom and introduced by Rob MacManaway and presented by Mairi Greig
- Rob MacManaway reported that our business activities continue to grow, including MESS, Nonhebel Park, An Roth, timber harvesting at Ardura, and all work together to provide for needs of the local community, and provide local jobs and enable local businesses to expand, help to support all areas of our work and ensure the sustainability of our organisation.

- In addition the balance sheet and the statement of financial activities sheet were also shown to attendees, demonstrating a reduction in our tangible assets due to the standing timber at Ardura that has been harvested and sold. This has in turn increased our net current asset position.
- The Trust is in a good financial position, with unrestricted funds allowing the organisation to fulfil the reserves policy.
- There were no questions about the accounts.
- Approval of the accounts was proposed by Colin Morrison and seconded by John Maughan.

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. There are 4 Directors resigning but standing for re-election – Jane Griffiths, Sue Hawkes, Heather Waller, and John Innes.
- We have two standing to be elected: Steve Blazye and Mark Strevens. Each gave a short introduction.
- We have one co-opted Director that will stand down to be re-co-opted: Robbie Cameron.
- Re-Elections, elections, and re-co-opting proposed by Ian Jones and seconded by Liz Gibson.
- Board directors continuing were listed.

7. Fixing of Annual Subscriptions

- The members resolved that subscriptions should be a one-off lifetime membership fee of £5 with no annual subscription thereafter.
- Proposed by Sue Hawkes and seconded by Anne Baxter.

8. Appointment of the Auditor

- The Finance Standing Committee and Board were in favour of continuing with Wylie and Bisset as Auditor of the annual accounts. There is no proposal to change the auditor.
- Proposed by Derek Crook and seconded by David Currie.

9. Any Other Competent Business

- No other competent business raised.
- James Hilder, first General Manager of MICT, spoke briefly of how impressed he is with the work the Trust is continuing to do.
- Sandy Brunton closed the AGM and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 3:00 pm.