

Minute of the Meeting of North Lochs Community Council

AGM

Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30pm
North Lochs Community Centre, Leurbost

Present: Robbie Mackenzie (Chair), Angus Morrison (Councillor), Donna Fairbairn (Secretary), Iain Macaskill (Treasurer), Sarah Macdonald, Annabel Maclean

Apologies: Maggie Smith (Vice-Chair), Bruce Mackenzie

1. The Chair welcomed all to the AGM of the Community Council.

2. Chairperson's Report

Thank you to Community Councillors and the Committee for their continued work and input into local matters. It is good to be able to meet again in person since Covid restrictions meant we had to meet by Zoom for a period of two years. Covid also meant that there has been a delay in the AGM taking place, so it is good for us all to be able to gather together again.

Achievements Over the Last Two Years:

- Facilitating the Ardhartas Trust Development Worker one-year funded post.
- An increase in community centre activity and the role the Community Council has played in that, and in supporting local groups.
- Facilitating Crown Estate application meetings for local groups and encouraging local groups to apply. Groups who benefitted were the North Lochs Community Association, North Lochs Historical Society, Lochs Gaelic Choir, Lochs Free Church.
- Initiating community footpath project meetings.
- Various maintenance to village roads.

Upcoming Plans Include:

- Involvement in negotiation of a new Development Worker post for the North Lochs area.
- Appeal to Eurowind Energy through community meetings to emphasise the direct impact of the Uisenis Wind Farm on the North Lochs area, and to unlock the community benefit to both the Community Council and the North Lochs community.
- To continue to act as a forum where local people and groups can raise any community issues and ensure their voices are heard by representatives of CnES.

3. Office Bearers

Chair – Robert Mackenzie (Proposed by Iain and seconded by Sarah)

Vice Chair – Sarah Macdonald (Proposed by Iain and seconded by Donna)

Secretary – Donna Fairbairn (Proposed by Annabel and seconded by Iain)

Treasurer – Iain Macaskill (Proposed by Sarah and seconded by Annabel)

4. Treasurer's Report

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5. Minute of Previous AGM

The minute of the AGM held on 7th October 2020 was approved by Sarah and seconded by Iain.

6. AOB

The importance of attending the Eurowind consultation was highlighted and in encouraging the community to participate.

The development worker post is being progressed.