

Seil and Easdale Community Council

Notes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 23rd May 2017 – Seil Island Hall

1. Present:

Community Councillors: John Gordon (Convener), Seumas Anderson, Anne Marie Robin, Graeme Bruce, Julie Ferris, Charles Struthers, Chris Dugdale, Uta Binnie (Secretary)

Council members: Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green and Andrew Vennard

Members of the public: 20

2. Apologies for absence: PC Jeremy Moore, Alan MacFadyen,

3. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 24th May 2016, were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed: Seumas Anderson, Seconded: Graeme Bruce

4. Matters arising: None

5. Convener's Report

John Gordon, Convener, gave the following report:

Welcome to the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Seil & Easdale Community Council.

The members of the Community Council continue to work for you as individuals and for the overall benefit of the community. To achieve this we hold at least six public meetings, another six interim meetings and other meetings to set the agenda or deal with other issues as required. We actively interact with you the community as well as engaging our Councillors and Council Officers.

As usual throughout the year, Seil & Easdale Community Council has commented on planning applications where the Community Council felt it appropriate to do so, and this will continue.

The Community Council continues to work on many issues affecting the local community directly and indirectly such as roads, health, mobile signal, ferries, access, forward planning and many more.

Scottish Water's project to deliver a solution for the waste water problems on Seil continues. A stakeholder group chaired by our MSP, Michael Russell, met for the first time in June. The group comprised senior officials from Scottish Water, an independent expert, Oban and North Lorn Councillors, a representative from SEPA and four local community representatives. The number of local representatives was subsequently increased to eight. There have been four

meetings and one technical meeting of all the stakeholders. We look forward to a progress report from Scottish Water's Regional Community Manager following this AGM

I would like to thank our councillors Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green and Julie McKenzie for their attendance and input and we welcome our new councillor Andrew Vennard. We thank PC Moore for his reports and Stuart Reid for again auditing our accounts. Sadly, I have to report the passing of Jim Cunningham who for many years edited the Seileachan and printed our local telephone directory. The editing of the Seileachan is now in the capable hands of Sue Fenton. Julie Ferris decided to resign as secretary and we thank her for all her work before and after her election to the Community Council. We thank Uta Binnie for agreeing to become our new secretary.

I would like to thank my fellow Community Councillors: Charles for his work with the roads and, with support from Graeme, the bus shelter for Ellenabeich. Anne, Alan and Chris for significantly progressing the Forward Planning project and Seumas for keeping a watch on planning issues. Thanks are also due the Seileachan distributors and Nick Bowles for the website.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Anne Marie Robin, distributed copies of the Statement of Accounts covering the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017, and reported as follows:

Please find the statement of our accounts for the last financial year. You will note that we have a balance of £4,119.62. This is a slight decrease on last year's balance of £4,794.32. but contributions from Luing and Kilmelford Community Councils are pending.

The telephone directories made a profit of £207.50 and our thanks to all involved for their efforts with this.

Grateful thanks once again to Stuart Reid for auditing the Books.

Accounts approved: Proposed: Ann Reid, Seconded by: Charles Struthers

7. Election of Officers: John Gordon (Convenor) made it known that he was stepping down and that the members of the Community Council would meet to discuss the situation and appoint a new Convenor before the next public meeting in July. Anne Marie will continue to act as the treasurer for the SECC.

Those present thanked John Gordon for all his work and commitment to the community over the past year.

8. AOB

None