



CREICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm on Zoom

Present: Pete Campbell, Chair (PC), Vice Chair Marcus Munro (MM), Norman MacDonald (NM), Russell Smith (SM), Keith Williams (KW)

Treasurer/Secretary: Mary Goulder (MG)

Apologies: John White (JW), Rikki Veters (RV), Brian Coghill (BC)

Also present: Hamish Munro (HM), Jessie Munro (JM), Michael Baird (MB)

Police representatives: None

Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above) Chair Pete Campbell opened the meeting with a special welcome to Hamish and Jessie who have expressed an interest in becoming involved with the CC. Although they hope to be heading to university in the coming year, they are keen to learn more about the work of the CC with a view to greater involvement in the future. All present welcomed these young people and expressed the ongoing hope that others might follow their example.

Item 2. Adoption of Minutes of AGM June 2019. The minutes from the AGM, held on 18th June 2019 as part of the regular monthly meeting, were adopted as a true and accurate record; proposed by Russell Smith, seconded by Norman MacDonald.

Item 3. Report from the Chair. (PC) Chair began by commenting on the death of Russell Taylor earlier this year. Russell was a stalwart of the community, making many colourful and valuable contributions to it, both in local business and community service. We are very grateful for all his contributions and the community is the poorer for his passing.

Throughout these last months of Covid-19 restrictions the use of Zoom has come to the fore, very successfully filling the gap and allowing meetings and activities to continue. The CC faces many difficulties, especially since the drastic cut made to the annual administration budget. THC fails to listen to any Community Council opinions on the matter, thereby leaving the CCs hamstrung.

Due to the restrictions there have been few opportunities for guests to attend but Anna Patfield of Planet Sutherland provided interesting topics from her group and Silvia Muras explained her plans for the new Kyle Chronicle magazine. This is very well produced and welcomed by the public. Delivered by volunteers, it is not only an interesting read but also a valuable resource for local information.

Owing to the postponement of the AGM until now, two Remembrance Days have taken place. PC laid the CC wreath in 2019 while this year RBLs arranged this in the absence of public attendances. The regular liaison with many local groups and organisations has also been hit. Where possible this has continued, often using the technology available. The contribution to this made by the Highland Wireless ongoing rollout of effective Broadband cannot be underestimated. Their success is one of the most important projects locally in years.

Windfarm development continues though much of the bureaucracy has been delayed due the pandemic. Planning meetings are now operating remotely which is helping.

Slow progress has also hit the Endowment Fund but the savings are secure. The CC will review the status in the spring.

The Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust provides enormous support to the CC, relieving members by taking on several duties such as the website and Facebook page. Other duties may also be transferred in the coming months. Thanks for this support were expressed.

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KW was thanked for agreeing to co-option, returning to the CC after many years. The presence of HM and JM was welcomed and commended. More young people are needed if the CC is to continue into the future. MG was thanked for her valuable work for the CC and in maintaining the links between it and the many other organisations locally.

Item 4. Treasurer's report. (MG) The Treasurer has had major difficulties since taking over in August 2019 owing to the inability of the Bank of Scotland to be able to transfer signatories, addresses and Internet access. This was finally achieved only a few weeks before the AGM. The accounts were then prepared and have been audited. Adoption of them at this meeting will lead to their submission to THC which should trigger the long-delayed payment of the annual administration grant.

Item 5. Adoption of the accounts. The accounts were approved by all present, proposed by Norman MacDonald; seconded by Russell Smith.

Item 6. Election of office bearers. All members stood down from office. In the absence of any Highland council representative, Mary Goulder assumed Chair for the purpose of electing the office bearers.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	<u>Accepted/Refused</u>
Chair	Pete Campbell	Marcus Munro	Norman MacDonald	Accepted – but definitely last time
Vice Chair	Marcus Munro	Pete Campbell	Russell Smith	Accepted
Treasurer	Mary Goulder	Pete Campbell	Russell Smith	Accepted - pending change in the spring
Secretary	Mary Goulder	All present	All present	Accepted

Secretary will advise Ward Manager Phil Tomalin of the election results. **MG Action.**

Item 7. Any other relevant business. None raised.

Item 8. Date, time and place of next AGM. To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8pm.