

# Sunart Community Council AGM 2022

7:00pm 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Minutes

1. **Welcome** The chair welcomed those attending.

Attending: D Anderson (Chair), J Jones (Secretary), E Sneddon-Hughes (Treasurer), J. Millar-Craig (Minute Taker), Cllr S Fanet and one member of the public.

2. **Apologies:** Cllr MacDonald, Cllr T MacLellan, V. Balnaves-Aitken

3. **Approval of Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Proposed: J Jones    Seconded: E Sneddon Hughes

4. **Matters Arising**

Thanks were expressed to Alison Gainsford, who for many years had audited the Community Council's books. We wish her well in her recovery.

5. **Annual Report 2022 – 2023**

### Chair:

Well, here we are, another year over and I think we have had a successful year.

Sadly, we lost Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth on the 8<sup>th</sup> September and I cancelled the meeting as a mark of respect.

A plaque was placed on the bench in front of Oakwoods in memory of Fiona Christian.

We welcomed Jackie Millar Craig as a co-opted member to the team.

James Hilder has stepped down as a community councillor, we thank him for all his hard work and dedication to our community.

Janet May has also stepped down from the Community Council many thanks to Janet. This leaves the future of the Community Council in Jeopardy as other members want to retire in November.

We would also like to welcome anyone to think about stepping up when the new applications come up in October ready for the new council commencing November. The only requirement is that they are residents of Sunart and will adhere to the Code of Conduct for community councillors. We meet the second Thursday of the month with July a holiday. Meetings are held in the recently opened village hall.

We have continued to work alongside the community company and another successful Christmas Market and Bonfire night, we would like to thank the fire officers for the help with the fireworks also Alasdair Maclean and all of the volunteers, without them these events would not be possible. We have given various donations totaling £9700. This includes £7500 to the community endowment fund.

May 13<sup>th</sup> we held a street party to celebrate both the Coronation and the getting together of folk after the Covid pandemic.

At long last the village hall was able to open up its doors to the public many thanks to Joan Madden for her many emails to get this into fruition.

Urram are still working alongside NHS to try to enable DalMhor to reopen as a Respite Centre.

The new bridge along Ariundle was installed and we are now able to cross over the river at the nearest point to the car park.

We also learned that the Pines Medical Centre and Lochaline Medical Centre are merging, and a new doctor will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

On good Friday the awful news that the Maid of Glencoul our lifeline ferry at Ardgour broke down and was away until Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June. This has caused long journeys driving around the head of the Loch. The combined Community Councils steering group have been working very hard and a survey is being put together to go out to residential households to have a vote on a fixed or ferry link. Kate Lackie Chief Executive attended a public meeting in May where people were able to ask questions and try to get answers.

Hopefully we will continue with new members for next year's AGM.

## **6. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts 2023**

The Treasurer formally presented her report which was accepted by the meeting. Kirsty Macintyre, had audited the books and was thanked for her work.

## **7. Election of Office Bearers:**

- Chair: D Anderson, proposed J Jones, seconded Elaine Sneddon – Hughes
- Treasurer: E Sneddon-Hughes, proposed J Jones, Seconded D Anderson
- Secretary: John Jones, proposed Elaine Sneddon-Hughes, Seconded D Anderson

## **8. Any Other Business**

A number of the existing councillors had indicated that they would be standing down in November. A discussion took place as to how to encourage other people to become Community Council members. Cllr Fanet offered to hold an 'Open Night' where people would be invited to come along and discuss what the 'job' was like. This would perhaps be organised for September. It was also thought that it would be good to get some of the older pupils (16+) interested in joining the council.

## **9. Date of Next Annual General Meeting: TBA**