

MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF AGM

MONDAY 8 MAY 2017 LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL

Present : Jim Bolton (Chair), Susan Taylor (Vice Chair), Teresa Bolton (Secretary), Martin Sampson (Treasurer), Davy Shaw, Lesley Smart (Minutes Secretary).

Apologies : Cameron Bolton

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to this year's AGM, covering the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2017.
2. **Minutes of last year's AGM** were circulated to those present, read out and agreed as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed by Susan Taylor, seconded by Davy Shaw.

3. Matters Arising

The only matter arising was the War Memorials. This has also been raised at regular meetings of the council. Teresa has gone back to 2009 and confirmed no monies have been received from any funding body for this. John Hodgson stated that the previous council looked into applying for funds but was not sure if it was taken any further. It was agreed that work is needed on the lettering and more basic masonry work to stop water getting in both on the Lochaline and Drimnin memorials. This will be taken forward by the council.

4. Chairman's Report

Jim read out his report, a copy of which is available on the Morvern website, at Lochaline Stores or from the secretary. In brief, he outlined issues dealt with, including broadband, roads and village maintenance, community benefit and environmental developments. The council hosted the very successful Over 60s Christmas lunch and Jim thanked all those involved and the Community Trust for part funding it with the community council. He also detailed meetings organised by the Council, namely "Out of Hours" health care changes and a public meeting with our MSP Kate Forbes, as well as Council contributions to the Living Landscape project. He also highlighted the Council's close working relationships with our Highland Councillors, particularly Andrew Baxter, our local police Angie and Kevin and many other community groups. He also thanked his fellow councillors, Lesley for being our Minutes secretary and Kirsty for auditing our accounts. Finally he reminded everyone that all councillors were volunteers and always act on behalf of the community but appreciate that it is not possible to please all although we try. Despite this "some of us have come under what can only be described as vitriolic personal attack, mostly on social media.....if anyone has a beef or complaint...we ask that you speak with us direct. Better still, come along to a Community Council meeting."

5. Accounts and Financial Report

Accounts for the period 1 April to 31 March 2017 for the MCC account and Common Good Fund account were circulated. It was explained that due to problems with the Bank of Scotland's inability to change the signatories for a number of months (for which we received compensation) the Chair personally funded the hire of skips and certain other expenses which were then re-imbursed.

Over the year the Council received £804-23 from Highland Council as its annual grant and £260-00 bank compensation for poor service. It received monies from Morvern Trust and a generous donation from Peter Lawson for the Christmas lunch. It made contributions to the Community Allotments for its annual bonfire night, Erskine Hospital charity and Remembrance Day Wreaths. It also paid for two skips for community waste and paid rental on Village Hall and secretarial expenses.

As at 31 March, the General account stood at £11,020-60 and CGF at £4930-22. (It was explained that these figures are for period to 31 March – monies paid/transferred since that date are not included hence different balances to those mentioned in the preceding monthly May meeting.)

The accounts were prepared by Teresa and audited and certified by Kirsty Macintyre. Accounts were proposed as accurate by Davy Shaw and seconded by Susan Taylor.

6. Election of Office Bearers

All office bearers were re-elected unopposed.

7. Any other business

Cameron Bolton tendered his resignation from the council by letter which was read out. Whilst he hoped he had contributed to the Council in the past year, "recent comments on social media by certain individuals have clearly become personal and these have led to my decision to resign. These sort of remarks do nothing to encourage volunteers to become councillors, in fact quite the reverse." Cameron's resignation was accepted by the Council and he was thanked for his contribution.

Jim then stated that in line with the Highland Council Community Council Scheme, as less than 50% of the councillors were now elected, he was dissolving the Council. Highland Council officers would arrange an interim election in June when it is hoped five new councillors will be selected and he hoped the council could continue in July. He urged everyone to consider standing as a councillor so that the Council represented all groups within Morvern.