

MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF AGM

MONDAY 7 MAY 2018 LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL

Present : Jim Bolton (Chair), Susan Taylor (Vice Chair), Teresa Bolton (Secretary), Martin Sampson (Treasurer), Alasdair Firth, David Campbell and 8 members of the public

Apologies : PC Angie Campbell, Andrew Baxter, Highland Councillor

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to this year's AGM, covering the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.
2. No apologies from Community Councillors – all present.
3. **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 Martin Sampson.

4. Matters Arising

The only matter arising was the War Memorials. This has also been raised at regular meetings of the council. It is not just work on the lettering and more basic masonry work to stop water getting in both on the Lochaline and Drimnin memorials but access to the Lochaline memorial is no longer safe for wreath laying as the steps are overgrown. The Chair has contacted several stonemasons for quotes but the immediate remedial work needed to improve access could be done by a general builder. Agreed to put this work out to tender as a matter of urgency.

5. Chairman's Report

Jim read out his report, a copy of which is available on the Morvern website, at Morvern Medical Practice or from the secretary. In brief, he outlined issues dealt with, including broadband, roads and village maintenance, Dail Mhor and the proposed Forestry link road. He thanked his fellow councillors, Andrew Baxter, HC, local police Angie and Kevin, and all those in the community who have made a contribution to the work of the Council and all who have attended meetings. He specifically thanked Ally Nudds and Ivan Woolley for their contribution to the upkeep of the village, Lesley Smart for her work as Minutes secretary and Kirsty MacIntyre for once again auditing the accounts.

6. Accounts and Financial Report

Accounts for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 for the MCC account and Common Good Fund account were circulated. Over the year the Council received £803-84 from Highland Council as its annual grant. It received monies from Morvern Trust towards funding the Christmas lunch. It made contributions to the Community Allotments for its end of season community party, Erskine Hospital charity and Remembrance Day Wreaths. It also paid the running costs for three skip runs to Duiskey for community waste and one skip for

Drimnin residents for their waste. It also paid Ally Nudds for grass cutting services during the summer. As agreed the Common Good Fund balance of £4930-22 was transferred to the Morvern Community Trust.

As at 31 March, the General account stood at £8898-48 and CGF at £0. (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 meeting.)

For this year coming 2018/19, the HC grant has been cut by 50%. It is therefore unlikely the council will be able to finance the same level of activity as previously – this has already been discussed at the monthly meetings. However we are due backdated monies from the Loch Uisge scheme which after some discussion was agreed should be deposited in the CGF account at present.

The accounts were prepared by Teresa and audited and certified by Kirsty Macintyre.

Accounts were proposed as accurate by David Campbell and seconded by Susan Taylor.

7. Election of Office Bearers

For procedural reasons, Jim stood down as Chair, Susan took over & proposed Jim be re-elected as Chair, seconded by Alasdair.

Vice Chair Susan – proposed by Jim, seconded by David.

Secretary – Teresa resigned as Secretary & Mins secretary. Suggested separating the posts.

Also suggestion that Chair & Vice Chair undertake Secretary's job (as agreed by HC for Acharacle CC). This option was proposed by Teresa, seconded by Susan. (To be confirmed with Dot Ferguson)

Minutes Secretary – David Campbell, proposed by Jim, seconded by Susan. (All draft minutes to go to councillors prior to wider publication).

Treasurer – Teresa, proposed by Jim, seconded by Susan.

MCDC reps – Susan & Alasdair

Teresa will notify Dot Ferguson of the changes.

8. Any other business

Next AGM will take place on Monday 6th May 2019.