

Morvern Community Council  
Notice of the AGM and Ordinary meeting  
Monday June 12th 2023 at 7pm

**Minutes of the AGM held at 7.00pm**

- 1) **Record of Community Council membership present, apologies received and any declarations of interests.**

Present: Angus Robertson, Annie Tordoff, Henriette Laidlaw, Janette Cameron, Morven Gemmill

Apologies: Douglas Taylor

Apologies & Resignation - Tom Finley

With five councillors present the meeting was quorate. It was disappointing that there were no members of the public at this AGM.

The resignation of Tom Finlay as a Councillor was accepted. In his letter of resignation he had raised a point of concern that councillors had used personal email only for council business when all such correspondence should be copied to Morvern CC address. Morven noted that she used personal email addresses inadvertently over one issue during the period whilst Tom was on leave from MCC. Both are often used and councillors noted to always include MCC email addresses in all correspondence.

The chair will write to Tom accepting his resignation and thanking him for all his work for the Council..

- 2) **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

- accepted and approved. JC proposed minute, seconded by AR.

- 3) **Chairperson's Annual Report (and questions from the virtual floor).**

AR read out his annual report and thanked all councillors and members of the community who have supported the community council. The Chairman's report can be found on Morvern.org.

- 4) **Treasurer's submission of the Financial Statement duly independently examined and certified correct which were attached to the Agenda and are available to view on morvern.org (and questions from the floor).**

- 5) **Formal adoption of the Financial Statement (should be proposed and seconded) and signed by Office bearers.**

Approved by all - Proposed by HL and seconded by JC

- 6) **Demit of current office bearers and election of office bearers. (The Community Council may, at any time, vote to make changes to their office bearers.)**

Discussion held about minimum number of people required for a functioning community council and minimum no of office bearers and if more than one person can hold two office bearer appointments. Question sent to HC to clarify. Response received as follows: *you can go down to 4 and this number can include co-optees, but the number of elected members must always be at least half of the membership ie you could go down to 2 elected and 2 co-opted. An office-bearer can hold a combined post but you need to let us know beforehand and we can confirm to you whether it is OK*

AR proposed as chair by AT and seconded by JC,

AT nominated as secretary by HL, seconded by AR.

HL nominated as Treasurer by MG, seconded by AT.

Vice chair JC, proposed by MG, seconded by AT with the proviso that JC will not be able to take on Chair role following autumn elections.

Forms will be completed .

- 7) **Chairperson to declare provisional date of next annual general meeting and close meeting.**

Provisional AGM Date ; Monday 10th June 2024.

The chairman closed the meeting, noting that it was a shame that no members of the public were present at the meeting and councillors agreed to check that there was not a problem with ZOOM. Also noted that the weather at the time of the meeting was lovely.

## Morvern Community Council June 10th Meeting (immediately following AGM)

### AGENDA and MINUTE

**Present: Angus Robertson, Annie Tordoff, Henriette Laidlaw, Janette Cameron, Morven Gemmill**

1. Minutes of May Meeting (agreed by email) & matters arising
2. AOB
3. HC Community Council elections September; succession planning. Noted that AT and AR will be standing down as secretary and chair in September elections as term of office is up. We therefore need to encourage anyone interested to consider joining. We have places on the council now and can co-opt up to 2 more members straight away. All councillors agreed to spread the word. **ACTION:** AT to put notice on notice board.
4. Corran Ferry - HL reported that CCs are now setting the agendas of the steering group. HC now agreed to submit application for one electric ferry plus infrastructure to enable RoRo access. The 6 ccs have also been meeting (peninsulas plus nether Lochaber) to try and collectively agree a future solution. Decision made that a simple 4 question survey will be issued to all individuals over 16 ie those on the electoral role if they are in favour of a fixed or ferry link. Responses will be attributed to each CC area. It is also being done to understand what communities will prefer although there are no associated funding streams to cover all eventualities. Noted that HC continue not to communicate effectively with community councils. The ongoing lack of communication from HC regarding Corran Ferry was also fed back to Sarah Fanet at her recent visit to Lochaline.
  - a. Associated road works were discussed ie a more permanent surface on some of the laybys has been asked for at the Corran Ferry meetings and a designated speed limit. There is now a webcam at Corran but this is not fully operational as yet.
5. School Update - school roll at August will be 8/9 and nursery 4. No date set yet for a larger meeting to address the problem
6. Housing - AT has again written to Scottish Sea Farms regarding Morvern Crescent houses which are still unoccupied. No further update regarding community housing from Ardtornish from previous plans shared earlier in the year but hopefully will be at a future meeting.
7. GP Practice update

From Teresa Bolton- I am pleased to inform you that NHS Highland have appointed (subject to the usual employment/statutory checks) a 3<sup>rd</sup> GP, Dr Trudy Spencer, to the clinical team which will be responsible for delivering healthcare on the Ardnamurchan and Morvern peninsulas going forward. She will be starting on 1<sup>st</sup> July and this is the date we intend to start the new work rotas for clinical staff (all other aspects of the merger will take place in the months following this). The three GPs - Iain Gartshore, Sigrid Calder and Trudy Spencer - will all be working across the four sites. We are all working very hard to ensure a smooth transition but as I'm sure you will appreciate, this is a large project involving a lot of different people and it may take a little while before we can share more details with you - I hope you can understand this. However if you do have anything you would like to raise, please contact myself or Janet May. Points raised that it would be good to know how

the new practice will work - ACTION - AT to write to Will Nell again to share with the community how the new service will work.

8. RSPB Saving Morvern Rainforest MCC representation - HL will attend with MCDC and MCC hats on to understand what is involved and feed back to next meeting.
9. West Pier - date booked for Iggesund (Callum Wilson) to visit on 20th June. Angus and Janette will attend along with other local delegates. Noted that people camping and making mess around the pier area. The gates remain open.
10. Planning applications - SSF invited to organise drop in to share plans for Fiunary fish farm. No objections noted for existing open planning housing applications. Hugh Raven invited to share potential plans more widely at a time to suit Ardtornish. No objections to [23/01782/FUL | Marine Shellfish Farm - Installation of 5 longlines for mussel cultivation | Site 865M NW Of Druimbuidhe Drimnin \(highland.gov.uk\)](#).
11. Village tidy - Many thanks to Bradley for all good work done to date in the village to date which is much appreciated. Invoices are being submitted following each cut and HL will check work has been completed prior to payment of invoice to ensure due process. **ACTION MG & HL** Funding gratefully received this year from MCT but further effort is required for future years to ensure financial sustainability.e.g. Business sponsorship etc
12. MCDC Update - an open evening was held with potential housing plans with MAKAR opposite the playground. Urram have contacted MCDC to look at potential collaborations and MCC suggested re energising the Live live Morvern Plan mailing list to do this. A volunteer database is being explored. Morvolts has had a dry couple of months. Harbour master Heath is now in post and please let us know if anyone knows if any housing might be available. Feasibility for district heating scheme for Kirk Brae and Torr na Faire being explored. MCDC are looking at its constitution and potentially removing the requirement to have two MCC reps. MG thanked for being MCC representative on MCDC until her recent resignation. Discussion held about the pros and cons of this proposed amendment. Meeting agreed that MCC should still have a representative on MCDC. **ACTION: AT** draft note to write to chair and Lilia

### **Dates of Future meetings**

10th July (**NO MEETING**)

14th Aug

11th Sept

9th October

13th November

11th December