

SCA AGM YEAR REPORT

Having only appointed new directors in December of last year (due to the late calling of that AGM) the year has been a short one but has none the less seen a reasonable amount of activity and change.

The directors as they stand at the moment are:

Cathy Dagg as Secretary

Hugh Piggot as Treasurer

Laurence Glass as Chairperson

Malcolm, Aggie, Nigel, Nick

After an initial shaky meeting where it was not sure whether the SCA had any real validity any more it was decided that it was still a useful organisation to have other than it being quite complicated and expensive to wind down. There is ongoing discussion as to whether it would be beneficial to merge with the STG. We are waiting to see how funding is affected with the Nursery currently not being in operation

Hugh has updated the SCA web site and changed it to a cheaper wind powered service provider where account holders and advertisers pay a small fee which covers the cost. He has also bought us up to date with the bank and got us online banking. Hugh will let us know who the signatories for cheques are but I imagine most transactions will be done via the internet now. This has taken Hugh a lot of time and patience to sort out and I would like to extend a special thank you for all his effort in making it all look so good and work so well

The road seems to have had a break from being eroded away by our traffic with the long period of dry weather we have had but I'm sure it won't be long before the usual puddles and pot holes return. Communication with the powers that be has been re established by Hugh and Bill and funding continues as long as we do the work. Bill continues to project manage and Martha and Esther are our trusty road technicians slowly chipping away at this never ending job as and when they can. Thoughts of a permanent contractor are being mooted either from local or bought in labourers. Kevin has done some essential culvert work to both the road and the path and they appear to be doing the job where done. Thanks to Jon Sangster, who has donated time with his digger to excavate sand for the road as well as doing pot hole patching, and anyone else who has contributed their own free time to random repairs either to the road surface or by cutting back tree branches and gorse. A volunteer day to fill bags with pebbles earlier in the summer made quite a good pile that still continues to be used.

The mooring boat is in and is being scraped back and repainted and tarred by Aggie and the Serrena, which was patched up by Bev before going out has provided a reliable and un leaky summer craft. Bill spoke to the pier authorities regarding the silting up of the pier and they in turn said they would send out a dredger to clear a better draught depth for low tide usage but have so far not shown up. Ewan and Aggie volunteered to look into pier extension possibilities following on the success of the dredging but as this has not yet happened no head way has been made in this direction as far as I am

aware. The Engine needed some work doing to it following the impeller disintegrating in it and causing it to over heat. Fortunately the problem was spotted early and the work required, carried out by Highland Mobile Marina, was a simple and relatively speedy and as such it is still in perfectly good repair. This repair was charged to Laurence Glass in lieu of his using parts from the mooring boat spare engine to repair Athinis engine that he had broken. It was agreed to put up the price of a tick to £2.50 from £2.00 and pier dues are now being paid on the mooring boat to strengthen our plight with the authorities over funding for pier works.

The light house has also received quite a bit of attention. 3 new displays by Bill, Bev and the primary school have bought it up to date with life as it is on Scoraig and Hugh has fixed the power problem installing a new battery donated by Topher Dawson. Bill has cleaned up and installed the donation box that used to be by the secondary school notice board and it seems to be collecting some money. A cleaning rota was discussed with Aggie, Malcolm, Nick and Esther offering to do this. Bill and Laurence spent a day wire brushing and repainting it and Joany has painted a visitor sign on it. It is looking great and well cared for.

Susan has master minded the community first responder training that leaves Scoraig with 14 level 1 trained first responders. Our remote location means we would be likely candidates for almost any further specialist training we would care to get. But as of last week we are up and running with a well organised and trained group of potentially lifesaving volunteers. Thank you specially to Susan and all participants in the scheme.

Fund raising has been fun and helped boost the Sca bank account with a Burns supper which included food as well as an auction to raise money as well as a Ceilidh just for good measure. The scrap metal run has also been quite lucrative or will be if the scrappy gives us the rest of what he owes us for what he has so far taken. The Pile that is left continues to grow into hopefully a more appealing prospect for some other Scrappy. Bill is overseeing this and hopefully it will be gone before the big winter storms begin. The Raft race was an unprecedented success in terms of just being a great day out with lots of people making some outstanding crafts and donations of either food or drink or money. Bill sponsored through Clan Albain £10 a craft which to his horror saw him donating quite a sizable chunk to the days income.

The new bin arrangement on the otherside appears to be working and Bill is proposing that the shed gets a makeover in the form of it being painted internally and having a new door made. A clear up day tidied up around the two piers liberating space in both sheds as well as the surrounding areas. Another day to paint and fix some wood work and windows on the Scoraig pier shed needs to be arranged before the winter.

Thank you also to any body who has done stuff around and abouts that I have inadvertently left out in this report and for everyones support for all that has happened over the last 9 months.