

SCORAIG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 26TH AUGUST 2012
TREASURER’S REPORT by Hugh Piggott

SCA finances are on a strong and sustainable footing. This has been achieved by cutting the operating costs and by stalwart fundraising efforts. The SCA now has internet banking, and has also attempted to differentiate itself from the Mooring Boat Fund.

Finances have lately been divided into ‘Designated Funds’ (Road money from the Highland Council, Defibrillator fund for the First Responders, and an Art grant) and the ‘Undesignated Fund’ that represents money under the control of the SCA to pay our operating costs and spend at our discretion.

The balances of money in these funds are as follows:	December 2011	August 2012
Undesignated fund	£1,009	£1,621
Designated Highland Council road money	£1,081	£240
The other two designated funds have now closed		

ROAD WORKS

Under a new agreement with the Council, we will no longer be given large, upfront grants of money to spend on road works. This means that the designated fund will soon be gone. Instead we will spend the SCA’s own funds and then apply to the Council for re-imburement from time to time. The maximum annual budget will be £3,000 including both labour and materials provided directly. It is acceptable for SCA to include a charge for supervision of the work costing up to 10% of the labour total. The Council are happy with hourly labour rates of £7.50 basic and for £10 for skilled work within reason.

UN-DESIGNATED FUNDS

Here is a breakdown of Income and Expenditure since the last AGM in December.

Income		Expenditure	
Membership fees	£24	Insurance	£108
email and website	£110	email and website	£92
Admin for Art project and First Responder project	£100	Accountant	£268
Burns Night (net takings)	£233		
“Wine, Women and Song”	£40		
Sale of scrap metal (pier tidy)	£335		
Raft Race (net takings)	£239		
Total income	£1,081	Total expenses	£468

Bill's Report by email:

SCA AGM

Apologies for not being able to make it along. Also sorry but at the moment don't feel I can be put up for an office. Many thanks to those of you who have done an excellent job whipping the organisation back into shape both socially and financially

Reports:

1/ Scrap.

After the excellent pier clean up Douglas the scrappy was very keen to come and take the scrap off us. He has done 3 collections so far for which he has paid for two. Needless to say he has taken all the choice bits and is now not contactable, not answering his mobile and his land line is disconnected.

We need to decide how to proceed. The SCA is probably responsible for the uncollected scrap on the other side and could get into trouble with the council for dumping it there. Should we invite other contractors to uplift?

Also as Douglas has not paid for the last collection and owes us £250-£300 we should discuss whether we involve the police on the grounds of theft.

2/Road Job

Following the voluntary day filling bags and John S working out some subsoil for us we looked all set to really get a good deal of work done on the road.

Unfortunately the two contractors Martha and Estha, who said they would take on the job haven't done more than 4 days in 4 months and as a result the bags sitting on the beach are UV'd and bugged. I feel they have let us down quite badly as not only is the road not repaired, but others have not had the opportunity they might have liked to do the road job, and it will be very difficult in the future to encourage the same sort of voluntary effort from the community filling bags having seen the previous efforts work gone to waste in rotten bags on the beach.

This needs to be looked at, and the terms of the contract tightened up to ensure that contractors are committed to the job. Alternatively we can look for outside contractors, or just carry on as things are.

Thanks to Kevin for his work on the culverts and the footpath, good job.

Cheers Bill