

Scoraig Community Association: Annual General meeting 2016

Held on 18.9.16 at Scoraig Secondary School

Present: Malcolm Alston, Cathy Dagg, Dale Nicholson, Paul Betts, Andy Cox, Jessie Millard, Laurence Glass, Jill Beavitt, Aggie Brudenell, Nigel rushforth, Janet Betts, Bev Beavitt, Zoe Fothergill, Davy Forsyth

Apologies: Lisa Burstall, Estha Rushforth, Jo Baker

1. Summaries of the year's activities

Road Work: Laurence listed the road work carried out over the past 12 months, including the mending of blocked ditches and culverts, filling of potholes, cutting back of vegetation. The damage from the drilling rig is considered to have been the final straw leading to the culvert collapse below Aggie's. Highwater paid a sum towards this repair. He proposes to add a fence and reflective tape at the culvert.

Mooring Boat: Laurence reported on the new pole, made by Sam Barlowe and paid for from the mooring boat's high interest account. A new engine will be needed soon (see below for discussion)

Financial Report: This report, prepared by Hugh, was available to read in printed form and was summarised by Malcolm.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of AGM 2015, held on 27.9.16 were read and approved

Matters arising: Peter Young's shed at Badluarach pier area. Peter has given up ownership and Malcolm now has the key. It is in poor condition and is full of rubbish but could be a community resource. Ownership of land needs to be established. Cathy will investigate.

Minutes of SCA ordinary meeting held on 14.8.16 were read and approved.

3. Directors of SCA

All directors resigned. Bev proposed a bulk reinstatement, seconded by Nigel, but Ewan and Estha don't want to continue and Jo Baker's intentions are unknown, so she was presumed to be unwilling to be reappointed.

The following directors therefore continue: Malcolm Alston, Cathy Dagg, Laurence Glass, Aggie Brudenell

The following three new directors were elected unopposed:

Dale Nicholson, proposed by Cathy, seconded by Malcolm

Jan Betts, proposed by Paul Betts

Nigel Rushforth, proposed by Andy Cox

4. Further Business

4.1 Road Job: Laurence asked the meeting to approve that he and Nigel, as directors but not office bearers of SCA, continue to take up to a maximum of £1000 each as wages for road work, as previously agreed. Paul Betts required assurance that there would still be money available to pay anyone else who wanted to do road work. It was agreed that since Laurence took on the job of road overseer, there has been an improvement in repair work.

Motion: that Directors (not office bearers) of SCA, ie Laurence and Nigel, be able to take a wage from the Highland Council allocated budget for the road work. Proposed by Bev and seconded by Dale. Motion was carried by 8 votes in favour and two abstentions.

4.2 Mooring boat outboard: The need to upgrade from a 6 horsepower to an 8 was discussed, the disadvantages of an 8 being its weight and extra cost. The engine needs to be robust, which a lightweight model of an 8 may not be, but not too heavy to lift off the boat in bad weather. Bev will get a list of weights and prices. Dale will ask Ian for details of the one he recently bought. The old engine will be offered for sale by sealed bid

Paul asked if an automatic bilge pump might not be a good idea, to prevent the boat from swamping. It was felt that this might be good for rainwater but would not work well enough when the boat swings into a wave.

Further discussion on mooring boat issues deferred to a specific mooring boat shareholders meeting.

4.3 Lighthouse and exhibition. Jill felt the lighthouse is looking shabby and Cathy pointed out that the original exhibition panels are now 10 years old and could do with replacing. Some ideas were put forward for new panels, but this, and a programme of painting the exterior etc, will be put on the agenda for discussion at next meeting with a view to doing work through the winter.

4.4 Harbour Dues: Cathy apologised for not yet writing to the harbourmaster. Paul suggested we ask what sum Scoraig as a whole should pay, this sum could then be divided between boat owners/users. It was pointed out that parts of Badluarach jetty are in need of a thorough clean to remove seaweed

4.5 SCA Finances: Laurence advised that the money in the SCA account is growing and the SCA should consider investing part back in to the community.

Next meeting Sunday 23rd October 4pm in SSS

Directors met after the public meeting to appoint office bearers:

Chair: Malcolm, proposed by CD seconded by AB

Secretary: Cathy, proposed by MA seconded by DN

Treasurer: Nigel, proposed by MA seconded by LG

Cheers, Cathy