

# Craignish Community Company

## Minutes of the 2019 AGM and Public Meeting

7.00pm Wednesday July 8th 2020

*held online via Zoom due to Coronavirus restrictions*

1. **Apologies for absence** - Nick Purdy  
**Present online** - Iain & Robann Saunders, John Clarke, Vicki Burnett, Rory Day, Jan & Clive Brown, Jo Leslie, Gabby Rogers, Lynn Pickett, Phil Dickinson, Jeremy & Samantha, Tim & Eleanore Barlow, Robin & Bonnie Stephens.
2. **Minutes** of the AGM held on 10.04.19 were taken as read and approved. Proposed - John Clarke, Seconded - Eleanore Barlow - *nem con*
3. **Matters arising** - none
4. **Chair's Report**

### BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Following last year's AGM the Board elected myself as Chairman, Tim Barlow as Vice-Chairman, and John Clarke as Treasurer. Subsequently John also took on the role as Secretary in so far as keeping our various registrations and organisation memberships up to date. Tim took on the role of organising our meetings and writing articulate minutes. Vicki Burnett has energetically taken on the role of dragging our publicity into the modern world and we are now to be seen occasionally on Facebook. Rory Day has had a hand in most of the issues we have been involved with and represented C3 on the Covid-19 Coordination Committee. Nick Purdy joined the Board during the year to pursue the possibility of fibre to the premises broadband. I would like to thank them all for their energy and enthusiastic support for our activities.

During the year we had resignations from Wil Craig, who helped with the installation of the defibrillator at Croabh, Scott Mannion, who did a great deal of work on the Roundhouse, and Patricia O'Reilly. We thank them for their contribution to the affairs of the company.

### TALAMH NA RIGH

Talamh Na Righ was proposed as the name for the playground. Apart from having an attractive Gaelic rhythm, it loosely translates as the King's Playground so recognising the pivotal role played by the Righ Foundation in funding the project. Plans for community engagement in the completion of the Roundhouse were thrown out by the pandemic so the plan is now to have it available for use by the beginning of the next school term, which is on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Celebrations will have to be left until a later date. The principal outstanding issue is the health and safety inspection and an email has been sent to the Headmistress to this effect.

#### KNOTWEED PROGRAMME

The results to date are encouraging. Much less knotweed is evident along the Lagoon. A further treatment will take place in August.

#### COVID-19 COORDINATION COMMITTEE

C3 offered funding for the hardship programme but in the event this was not required as the Council made funds available in time.

#### VILLAGE SHOP NOTICEBOARD

C3 has committed £2,000 of funding for a replacement community noticeboard outside the Village Shop.

#### BROADBAND

The provision of broadband in a remote rural location is a rapidly moving target. The goal is fibre to the premises for all dwellings on the peninsula and Nick has undertaken to see what can be done. Extracting quotes from Openreach has unsurprisingly proved challenging. So far the cost of installation for 30 dwellings near the Glebe has come in at £29,000, which is an improvement on the previous £67,000 and not that far off the available subsidy but there has been no response on the request for the community as a whole. Those not prepared to wait have moved onto 4G mobile broadband in the meantime.

#### DEFIBRILLATORS

Funding from First Responder reserves was provided for a third defibrillator for Craignish Point.

#### BOAT JUMBLE

The Boat Jumble had to be cancelled this year as a result of the pandemic and next year must also be in question. It is the principal fund raiser for C3 but fortunately there are enough reserves to tide us through.

### **5. Treasurer's Report & Adoption of the Accounts**

Income for the year ended 31 December 2019 exceeded expenditure by £16,871.

The income was derived largely from a single donation of £22,000 for the Roundhouse from The Righ Foundation.

Otherwise, expenditure was made mostly from funds previously allocated to specific restricted funds, none of which exceeded the allocated amounts.

Unrestricted funds ended the year with a deficit of income over expenditure of £272.

Expenditure continues to be closely monitored and funds are in place for currently planned expenditure.

However, the Covid 19 virus has of course affected C3. The Boat Jumble, our major fundraising event each year, was cancelled.

We are fortunate that we have accumulated sufficient reserves to hopefully see us through until our next fundraising opportunity but any donations will be gratefully received!

Proposed that the Report and Accounts for 2019 (available on the website) be adopted - Vicki Burnett. Seconded - Jo Leslie. *nem con*.

#### **6. Appointment of auditors**

The Treasurer proposed and Jo Leslie seconded that R.A. Clement Associates continue as our auditors. *Nem con*

#### **7. Election of Directors.**

Current Board: Iain Saunders (chair), Tim Barlow (vice-chair), John Clarke (Company Secretary & Treasurer), Rory Day, Vicki Burnett, Nick Purdy.

Jo Leslie proposed and Jan Brown seconded that the current directors be re-elected. *Nem con*. Rory Day Proposed and Eleanore Barlow seconded that Robin Stephens be elected as a director. *Nem con*.

#### **8. Open Discussion**

(a) Iain confirmed that the Righ Foundation had been consulted about the proposed name for the playground.

(b) Phil Dickinson expressed gratitude for the offer of financial assistance to the Covid19 Coordination Committee which gave confidence to proceed while awaiting government grants.

(c) Phil notified the meeting that the battery for the Croabh defib would need replacing soon.

Iain thanked everybody and closed the meeting.