

# SLCVO Annual General Meeting 2020

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Zoom meeting

## Present

**Directors:** Peter Urquhart, Clive Pearson, Jim Towers, Julie Mace, Diane Van Rutienbeek

**Staff:** Jo Ford, Sammy-Jo McArthur, Claire Nairn

**Members:** Julia Rudram Isle of Skye Accordion & Fiddle Club, Clive Pearson Isle of Skye Ferry CIC, Julia Mace Eilean Ban Turst, Jim Towers Skye & Lochalsh Access Panel, Diane Van Rutienbeek Skye & Lochalsh Counselling Care, Julie Mace Eileen Ban Trust, David Ashford Lochalsh Youth Club & Skye & Lochalsh Environmental Forum

**Non Members:** Mo Hannah Skye & Lochalsh Citizens Advice Bureau, Melanie Moss Skye 4 all, Sarah Lister Skye 4 all, Calum Munro Kilmuir Community Council, Paul Spence

**Apologies:** Helen MacRae Girl guiding & Skye Agricultural Society, Jyrna Batters Viewfield Garden Collective, Gordon Higgins Skye & Lochalsh Counselling Care & Viewfield Garden Collective

**AGM Opened:** The Chair opened the AGM by welcoming everyone present.

**Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:** The minutes of the 2019 AGM meeting were agreed as being a true record. There were no matters arising.

Proposed by Di Van Rutienbeek and seconded by Clive Pearson

## Presentation of Annual Report:

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all and thanking the office staff for all their hard work throughout this year with the changes of COVID and to those who have been working hard helping in our communities. Peter also sends wishes to Gordon Higgins who became unwell and hopes to see him back soon.

The Chair let the members know there is uncertainty of what funding we will receive for the next year however, SLCVO does have good reserves which will enable the group to operate for 6 months if core funding is not secured.

The Chair advised members that Claire Nairn has taken on the role of Befriender Co-ordinator alongside her administration duties and thanked Claire for all the work she has done.

The Chief Officer gave a brief overview of the Annual Report and in 2019/2020 SLCVO carried out 370 episodes of support to 102 groups, with 65 taking advantage of our free 1:1 support service. We assisted in writing governing documents and funding applications, compliance to legislation, setting up groups and charities, developing volunteer management frameworks, operational development

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and strategic planning. The Chief Officer stated the HTSI are still supportive of using a rural delivery partnership network and they are hoping 3 year funding could be a possibility from the Scottish Government. It was also noted that there has been a decrease in the income from our room hire, and printing this is thought to be due to more digital interaction.

The Chief Officer then gave an updated on Befrienders Service which supported 18 people across Skye and Lochalsh and was successful in obtaining funding from the Highland Green health Partnership to run a Garden Befriending project, which we hope to start when Covid-19 measures allow. Our work with the Kyle of Lochalsh Green Health Steering Group has seen Sammy-Jo and Jo become Walk Leaders and we hope to combine this with our 2020/21 Skye and Lochalsh Active Travel project details of which can be found on our website.

The report was distributed to those at the meeting and questions about the report was welcomed from members of which there were none.

Proposed by Gill Terry and seconded by Clive Pearson.

### **Presentation and Adoption of Annual Accounts:**

All those present received a copy of SLCVO's Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 March 2020.

Jo Ford gave an overview of the accounts As of the 31 March 2019 We remain in a healthy position with free reserves of £58,828, restricted funds of £9,207 and designated finds of £68,500. We had a deficit of £5,638 a consequence of creditors falling within one year and reduction in office services such a printing.

The Chair welcomed questions from members of which there was none.

The Annual Accounts were adopted, proposed by Clive Pearson and seconded by Jim Towers.

### **Retirement, Election and Appointment of Directors:**

The Chair handed over the meeting to the Chief Officer who confirmed all Directors, in accordance with the governing document, were to stand down however all wanted to continue in their position and so were re-elected by a show of hands.

Councillor Calum Munro, a trustee of Kilmuir Community Trust, replaced Councillor John Gordon as the representative from Highland Council Ward 5 and was elected to the SLCVO board by a show of hands.

**Appointment of Accountants:** Donald Rankin Business Services prepared SLCVO's annual accounts. Campbell Stewart & MacLellan currently do SLCVO wages. Jo Ford said we have been approached by Wood Accountancy, who possibly could offer us his services cheaper, something we would look into in the following year.

**Any Other Competent Business –**

The Chair wanted to use this time to thank the SLCVO staff for all their hard work and extra working during COVID-19 lockdown in helping our communities.

**The Chair offered the opportunity for people to ask questions, none were raised. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.**

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