

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY FUND

Minutes of AGM held on 17th July 2023

Present: Margaret Pratt (Convener), Zofija Sloan (Vice Convener), Margaret Soudan (Treasurer), Michael O'Donnell, Philip Connor, Chris Wareham, Linda McCrae (Directors) Alan Coote (Community Council) plus 8 members of the public.

Apologies: Nil

Convners annual report: The Convener thanked everyone for their hard work and support over the past year and reported the bursary scheme had since it commenced three years before supported 16 successful residents gain further education awards with the help of the annual bursary awards. Currently there are 6 residents receiving an annual ward of £1000 per annum for the duration of their studies. The three start-up businesses the fund helped in recent years are now all operating well with West Kintyre promotions putting on several shows and activities throughout the area which would not otherwise be available for local people to attend without travelling to Glasgow or beyond. West Kintyre Promotions has also developed an annual West Kintyre festival which aims to show case local talents, crafts and produce. The Ancient Wine Company has obtained all the certification required from the Environmental Health Department and is now producing its first wines, The Whole Hogg Charcuterie has started to produce excellent charcuterie products using locally sourced products and is selling at local food fairs. A local Village Hall has been supported with funding help for the installation of a hearing loop to ensure all abilities have comfortable experiences during activities within the hall, and finally a local group of talented amateur actors have been assisted with the help of funding to put on their first very successful play which was a sell out on all nights.

£50 has been set aside towards the costs of a current Community Asset Transfer request for the purchase of the old out of date toilets at Tayinloan car park and ferry pier. The CC has run these toilets for several years since the council threatened to close them as a budget cut. Once the community asset transfer is approved it is our plan to demolish the old building and build a new block of toilets accessible for all abilities. This will become an asset owned by the community for the community and its visitors and will be registered under the SCIO ownership. The total costs for the project are likely to be £100k or more.

Treasurer's annual report: The treasurer reported receipts for the year were £142,643 from Freasdale, Lussa Community Wind and Blary Hill Energy and payments were £23,969 giving a surplus of £118,674 for the year. The audited accounts for the financial year were tabled for approval – **approved**.

Margaret was thanked by all present for her excellent work as Treasurer and was wished a long and happy retirement.

Appointment of board of Directors for forthcoming year: Margaret Soudan (Treasurer) due to retirement submitted her resignation as both treasurer and board member. All other Directors

stood for re-election. By unanimous decision by all present Margaret Pratt was re-elected as Convener, Zofija Sloan as vice- Convener. Michael O'Donnell was appointed the new Treasurer. Alan Coote was voted onto the board as a new Director and welcomed warmly by all present.

Date of next AGM: July 2024 – date to be arranged.