

MINARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of AGM Meeting held in Minard Hall

Monday 18th November 2019 at 7.30pm

		ACTION
Present	Brian Barker, Margaret Moncur, Liz Taylor-Feeney, Fred Bruce (committee members) Steve Thompson, Anne Thompson, Lenny McNeill, Mike Skelton, Laura Skelton	
Apologies	Alison Hay, Becs Barker, Craig Feeney, Colin Moncur, Anne Thompson, John Hay	
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of last AGM were proposed by Fred Bruce and seconded by Margaret Moncur.	
Matters Arising	None	
Chairpersons report	<p>Activities organised by the Trust</p> <p>As in previous years, the Management Committee organises a limited number of activities and has focussed attention on facilities so that others can organise activities.</p> <p>Beach Clean and the Christmas meal are regular annual events that have continued.</p> <p>Restricted fund used for activities for children to pay for the panto. This was very popular and will do so again this year on 29 November.</p> <p>Other activities</p> <p>Activities organised by others include the regular Netta's Coffee Mornings and Tai Chi in the village hall.</p> <p>Also pleased to see that a group is now organising activities, including an indoor car boot sale, pre-Christmas fayre, bonfire/fireworks (with the fire station) and others planned for coming months. This group is filling the gap felt in recent years from activities that used to be arranged by the school, before the school was mothballed.</p> <p>Village walks</p> <p>Fred reported that the Trafalgar section of the Brainport Trail is now clear and that the wire fencing has been removed. It's not clear who removed the wire as there have been difficulties contacting the Forestry Commission locally.</p>	

The Trust does not own any land on the Brainport Trail – questions regarding safety of access will lie with the individual landowners.

Still trying to progress the bridge over Auchgoyle Burn, but issues still remain with respect to ownership of the land.

Village Shop

Reported last year that the loss of income is a concern and this is still the case. This is not an immediate threat, but if nothing changes the Trust will have to review whether the shop is an asset or liability. If the post office arrangement at the village hall ends, this situation becomes more critical.

There has been no progress finding a tenant for the shop as a business let. Now looking at options to convert the shop back into a one bed flat to secure more regular income and provide housing. This does have risks and costs. If no progress by end of 2020 the Trust will look to dispose of the shop as an asset.

A public meeting will be arranged when more detailed plans for the shop are available so that the community can have a say before any significant changes take effect.

Village Hall

Reroofing completed. Secured grants to extend car park by removing the earth mound to improve drainage and for better signage.

Bookings are lower than we'd like. We try to keep the booking fees low to ensure affordability.

Foreshore

Concerns raised about the 'mess' around the privately owned shed on the foreshore that is surrounded by land owned by the Community Trust. The vehicle alongside the shed was a particular concern as this looks abandoned.

Plans for consultation last year formed basis of a bid to the wind farm community benefit fund. Application rejected and have not yet been developed further to resubmit. Focus is on the hall car park and the shop.

Communication

The Trust web site has minutes of all meetings at www.minard.org.uk also e-mail info@minard.org.uk

	<p>Minard Community Noticeboard – the Facebook page for this has been changed to a group to make community posts more visible.</p> <p>Comment made about Management Committee meetings taking place in private. This is normal practice for a charity as the Community Trust is not the same as the Community Council which is obliged to have public meetings.</p>	
Treasurers Report	<p>Margaret Moncur presented the accounts for the 2018/19 financial year:</p> <p>For the financial year up to the end of March 2019 the Community Trust made a loss of £1,816. A loss was forecast following closure of the shop.</p> <p>At 31st March 2019 the charity held £16,339 in cash assets including £4,590 ring-fenced monies from the former Minard Playgroup and £7,500 earmarked for a property repairs contingency. The Trustees consider this appropriate to allow them to fund ongoing activities.</p> <p>There is a real concern regarding security of future income as the Trust is likely to make a loss again during 2019/20. Important that the post office at the village hall stays open as the income from hall rental for that is the main earned income to help with running costs. The plans for the former shop will help address this situation with actions planned for 2019/20 and 2020/21.</p> <p>Accounts were proposed and seconded for adoption by Lenny McNeill and Steve Thompson.</p> <p>Agreed that Morag & Peter Cupples would again be invited to audit the accounts.</p>	
Nomination & Election of Committee / Trustees	<p>There were no nominations made before or during the meeting and the existing members of the Committee agreed to serve for the next year.</p> <p>There are 5 vacant places on the committee. If someone is interested in joining the committee during the year there is scope to co-opt new members if required.</p>	
A.O.C.B	<p>Thanks</p> <p>In his closing remarks Brian commented that the Trust relies on the work of volunteers. Volunteers who are essential for making things happen. Thanks were offered to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin for minor repairs/works on the hall/gardening • Fellow committee members who served all year, including Margaret's ongoing commitment as Treasurer 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the group who are now organising more social activities – especially as these are helping new members of the community make contacts locally <p>If you are keen to get more involved either as a volunteer on a particular activity or as a member of the Management Committee please get in touch.</p> <p>The meeting closed with thanks to everyone for making the effort to attend.</p>	Committee
Date of Next Meeting	No date set for next AGM. Agreed to look at a Saturday as the day for the next AGM as this has helped Lochgair Community Association increase attendance.	