

Minard Community Trust Annual General Meeting 13th January 2025

People present: Rachel, Jason Copestick, Caroline Cowan, Theresa Pimbley, Jan Burgess, Louise Walker, Lucy Jenkin, Julie Walsh, Maggy Perrin, Bob Perrin, John Paterson, Anne Paterson, David Hay, John Hay, Margaret Moncur (Treasurer), Liz Feeney (committee member), Brian Barker (Chair) and Becs Barker (committee member and note taker).

Apologies: Michiel Van Zanten, Rose Van Zanten, Paul Lomas, and Maria Lomas.

Treasurer's Report 2023-2024:

This was approved by those present. The report has been submitted to Companies House and OSCR in accordance with the requirements of charity registration.

Chair's Report:

The Trust's primary responsibility is for management and upkeep of the village hall, the shop, and pockets of land around the village including the Jubilee Garden. In 2024, this was successfully achieved. The village hall is open for hire and a number of groups have continued to use the space including Fyne Friends (parent and toddler group), Fyne Art Club, Dancercise, Tai Chi, and the hugely successful coffee mornings.

In addition, the Trust also hosts a number of calendar events including, the annual beach clean and barbecue, the pantomime and the bonfire and fireworks night. The community has well supported these.

The Trust is grateful for the support offered by West Lochfyneside Community Council and for help to access micro grants. These are funded by the Nadara Energy A'Chruach Wind Farm Community Fund.

Brian thanked all volunteers for their help and support in running events and in keeping our community spaces clean and tidy. Special thanks goes to:

- ✓ Colin and Paul for their excellent barbecues
- ✓ Jason for cutting the grass
- ✓ Alistair, Colin, Donald, and Paul for looking after the Jubilee Garden and other outdoor spaces.
- ✓ Becs for planting up the planters, feeding and watering.
- ✓ Minard Fire and Rescue crew members for the fireworks.
- ✓ Julie and Maria for being willing to lend their hands to anything.
- ✓ Margaret, for reminding the rest of us about upcoming events, shopping and keeping us on track!

Office bearers

Margaret offered to remain in the role of treasurer and Brian as chair. There were no other nominations and therefore these offers were accepted.

Additional information of note to community members:

- There is limited resource for the Trust's committee to run additional community events- this is because members work and all committee activity is voluntary.
- The committee welcomes all offers of help to contribute to the running of community events.
- All hall users must hold public liability insurance for the purposes of their activity. The Community Trust has such insurance and groups who wish to operate under this cover are welcome to do so and should ensure that the committee is aware of this plan. To ensure that the insurance remains valid, all hall users must adhere to the conditions of hire.