

**Tighnabruaich District Development Trust.
Minutes of AGM – 19:00 23 November 2021**

1. Director Attendees.

George Watson, Graeme Hogg, Steve Williamson, Ronnie Irvine, Janie Boyd, Andy Trull, Alastair Barge, Judith Sim, and Tony Bryce.

Directors' Apologies: Chris Trainer

Committee Attendees: David Mitchell and Andree Hawke.

2. Members' attendance: 3 members.

Members' apologies: Sue Wallis, Chris Stone, Margaret Munro, Donald Wren.

3. Last AGM

The previous meeting had been held on 9 December 2020..

The minutes of the 2020 AGM had been read and approved.

4. Chairman's Report.

Highlights:

The chairman thanked all directors and project leaders for the work carried out in support of the Trust and its partners in pursuing various community projects throughout the foregoing twelve months. The financial support that the Trust had been able to contribute to these community endeavours had been considerable, with individual outlays ranging from £200 to £9K.

In addition to the grants paid to external community groups, the TDDT had been responsible directly for the operation of the Heritage Centre and the Tighnabruaich Jetty. With the demise of the Kyles Marketing Group, the Trust had also taken on direct responsibility for running the 2022 edition of the Kyles 10 Miles event.

It was agreed that each of the activities, whether in support of external local initiatives or managed directly, constituted a worthwhile use of TDDT funds.

The chairman emphasised that much of the work carried out since December 2020 had taken place despite the adverse circumstances posed by restrictions associated with the Covid pandemic. On a related theme, the Chairman also pointed out that the number of projects in the pipeline had diminished owing to these same circumstances. Potential applicants for grant funding were encouraged to look at the criteria for access to TDDT funds and to be aware of the existence of guidance material within the TDDT website www.tddt.org.uk.

Please refer to the attachment 'Chairman's Report'.

5. Treasurer's Report

Highlights:

The treasurer presented a detailed review of accounts to the end of the financial year at 28 February 2021.

Income to the year end (February 2021) had increased to £40,000, as compared to £26,000 for the comparable period a year earlier.

Net assets stood at a figure close to £64,000 of which something in excess of £21,000 constituted a reserve within TDCR against the security of being able to meet future interest payments under all and any circumstances. Of the balance, various amounts were specifically earmarked for projects such as the village jetty and ongoing pathway improvement/ maintenance.

The treasurer reported that the level of outgoing grant payments reflected in the accounts to February 2021 had risen to £23,500, up from £13,000 for the equivalent period to February 2020. The treasurer commented that availability of funds would be somewhat tighter for the immediate future following a relatively windless summer in 2021 resulting in lower Srondoire dividends. Notwithstanding, support would still be available for projects, and applications would be encouraged.

A revised application form had been devised to facilitate the process undergone by prospective grant recipients.

Please refer to the attachment 'Treasurer's Report'.

6. Election of Directors.

Tony Bryce had stood down having reached the end of a three-year term. He offered to serve a further period if supported by the directors and if re-elected

Alastair Barge and Janie Boyd had also stood down in order to meet the conditions of the Articles of Association whereby one third of the resident directors drawn from the longest-served must retire at each AGM. Both offered to stand for re-election.

Seven directors remained in post with three vacancies to be filled if possible.

All of these three candidates standing for re-election achieved votes in excess of the threshold for election and were duly appointed.

The directors elected at the meeting were confirmed as follows:

Janie Boyd, Alastair Barge and Tony Bryce.

George Watson, Graeme Hogg, Andy Trull, Chris Trainer, Judith Sim, Ronnie Irvine and Steve Williamson had remained in post.

The following officers were duly appointed:

Chairman: George Watson

Treasurer: Graeme Hogg

Secretary: Tony Bryce.

It is noted that the ballot in respect of the election of directors was supervised, managed and coordinated by Rev. David Mitchell for whose expertise and punctiliousness we are most grateful.

7. Project Status.

Two projects remained outstanding at the time of the AGM:

- Dunoon Grammar School Hostel Parents Group Tuition Grant - £2,000 award to be paid.
- Ongoing Jetty maintenance. The jetty had been towed to the winter wet-storage location with outstanding costs incurred during that operation. Improvements to the mooring arrangements for the offshore section would be addressed in the spring of 2022.

8. AOB

Nothing raised.

9. Vote of Thanks.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman, George Watson, and to the Returning Officer, David Mitchell. This was unanimously applauded.

10. Attachments:

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report