

**Tighnabruaich District Development Trust.  
Minutes of AGM – 19:00 9 December 2020**

**1. Director Attendees.**

George Watson, Graeme Hogg, Fraser Exley, David Burt, Alastair Barge, Janie Boyd, David Mitchell, and Tony Bryce.

Directors' Apologies: None.

**2. Members' attendance: 11 members.**

Members' apologies: Margaret Munro, Karen Raeburn, Martin Hewitt, Michaela Blair, Alison Maclennan, Alex Maclennan, Peter McLellan, Helen McLellan,

**3. Last AGM**

The previous meeting had been held on 6 July 2019.

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2019 AGM was proposed and seconded by Alastair Barge and Fraser Exley.

**4. Special Resolutions.**

Two special resolutions had been put forward in a Chairman's letter distributed to the membership in advance of the AGM. These had been generated in response to a perceived need to change and to simplify the rules relating to composition of the board, and to alter the limits to duration of service applying to directorships.

The essence of the first of these changes amounted to a removal of unhelpful constraints on the balance between resident and general membership representation on the board in consideration of the overwhelmingly dominant presence of candidates who are resident. It would ensure that the board could be filled with an entirety of resident members while continuing to allow for general members' representation without being prescriptive. In addition, an aspiration that the resident members constitute a majority would replace an obligation to maintain such a majority.

The second resolution dealt with the matter of the limit on the maximum term for which any individual could retain directorship which currently stood at three years. The resolution proposed that an extension be permissible if the board determined that continuity be advantageous in a particular case. In this case, the option of a second term of duration up to three years would be available.

The chairman summarised the background and purpose of the two resolutions which were then put to a vote.

On the basis of 20 attendees and 8 proxy forms, both resolutions were unanimously passed.

**5. Chairman's Report.**

Much work had been carried out in support of community projects, and substantial grants had been paid out from TDDT funds. The chairman highlighted some of the activities and expressed thanks to those involved.

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

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Highlights:

The treasurer presented a detailed review of accounts to the end of the financial year at 29 February 2020.

The bank balance had stood at £39959.49, the amount available for general funding being a little over £30K at that time. The accounts ran a surplus for the preceding year of £14045.

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

## **7. Election of Directors.**

George Watson, Graeme Hogg, Fraser Exley and David Burt had stood down as directors having reached the end of their terms.

Three directors remained in post with seven vacancies to be filled if possible. It was considered illustrative of the good level of local community engagement that five new candidates had come forward to stand for election, with the chairman and treasurer having agreed to stand for re-election.

All of these seven candidates achieved votes in excess of the threshold for election and were duly appointed.

The directors elected at the meeting were confirmed as follows:

George Watson, Graeme Hogg, Chris Trainer, Ronnie Irvine, Judith Sim, Andy Trull and Steve Williamson. Janie Boyd, Alastair Barge and Tony Bryce 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 special resolutions and the election of directors was supervised, managed and coordinated by Rev. David Mitchell for whose expertise and punctiliousness we are most grateful.

## **8. Project Status.**

Two projects remained outstanding for completion:

Castle (Mast) path from boatyard.

Reinstatement of jetty.

Work required in respect of maintenance of the jetty prior to commencement of the 2021 season was summarised for further discussion at the next meeting of directors. This would take place on Tuesday 19 January.

## **9. Vote of Thanks.**

Alastair Barge proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, George Watson, and to the Returning Officer, David Mitchell. This was unanimously welcomed.

## **10. Attachments:**

**Chairman's Report**

**Treasurer's Report**