

Sunart Community Company
Board meeting 7:30pm 11th January 2023 via Zoom

Attending: J Hilder (Treasurer) J Jones (Secretary) P Sharples (Chair) J Madden, T Burke, R Henderson, B Drinkwater. **Apologies:** H McDonald, K Simpkinson

Acceptance of previous minutes 2nd November 2022 **Proposed:** J Madden **Seconded:** J Hilder

The agenda item was to discuss and agree the AGM meeting and associated Burns' Night Meal, which will be held at the Ariundle Centre on Saturday 28th January 2023. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be at 6- 7pm starting with a complementary glass of wine and the Burn's Night Dinner at 7pm onwards

James Hilder mentioned that the Community Survey results were starting to come in and showed some initial figures on screen. The results are still being collated and 'input' but it is hoped there would be some early draft information for the AGM presentation. Early indications are that there are in the region of 170 responses and if this is the case that with an electoral role of about 360 the response rate may be close to 50% of resident registered to vote.

James also mentioned that there are funds allocated to hold community meetings in February and March 2023 to present, discuss and seek to move identified issues forward. The proposal is to engage someone with the requisite skills to host a series of meeting; venues could be the Village Hall, Sunart Centre and online by Zoom, or maybe a blended option. J Hilder will draw up a skills set and requirements; it will then be whether or not it is necessary to advertise.

James explained that the accounts were almost complete, with final edits due to RA Clement and an accompanying narrative was been finalised.

For the AGM information will need to be put on the Facebook page and village noticeboard.

For the AGM meeting the following are required:

Notice advertising the AGM and where proxy forms can be obtained e.g. on the website
Director application and nomination forms

Action: James needs to step down and stand for re-election and John must retire (although could become the nominated rep from the Community Council). Laura Cameron MacGregor is willing to join but needs the forms. (**Action** – Rowena)

All Directors to try and secure more new Directors ahead of the AGM

Proxy Forms

An Agenda

Copies of the previous minutes

Copies of the audited accounts

For the Burns' Night:

Kate Campbell is preparing a 3 course sit-down meal and can accommodate approx. 36 people. There will be a Harpist playing music. Vicky &/or Graeme Balnaves Aitken will address the haggis and recite

It was agreed to offer tickets at £20 per head, this is virtually at cost; there will be a raffle and prizes are sought, though the suggestion either a hamper or bottle of spirits or wine – just a few items.

Action: All Directors to supply raffle prizes

Bank Accounts: Oakwood £12,401.19 Charity account: £43,452.17. It should be noted that the initial cost of the solar panels will be paid from the Oakwood account and the grant claimed back. On the charity account this includes a total of £35,000 from the Sunart Community Renewals Ltd (SCR) for the £150 grant to each permanent resident household. The cheques are being cashed but a full reconciliation cannot be conducted until we receive the final paperwork back from SCR. Any cheques not cashed then the residue balance will be placed in the Sunart Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) for allocation.

There was no other business; the meeting was closed