

What the Future  
looked like 20 years  
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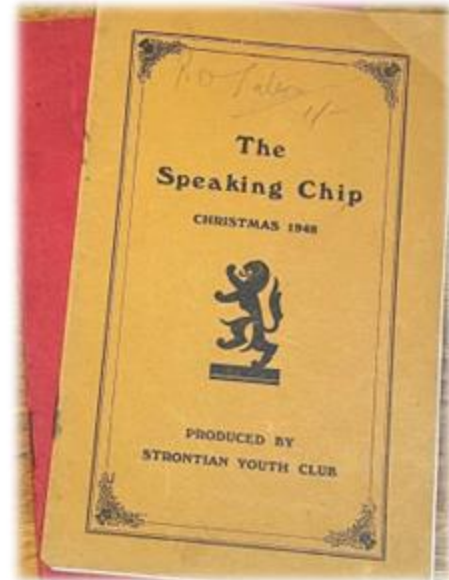
# Fresh Faces Elected December 2005



Left to Right, Harry, Allan, Ronald, Eilidh Ann, Jim, John, Sean, Duncan and Colin [not pictured the vital Catriona]

# Where did we Start?

- A couple of pre-land fund attempts, a church as a heritage centre (sound familiar) and an attempted land purchase.
- Lots of community activity, e.g. the Angling Committee has its roots back in 1962.
- Before that, a strong history of community engagement, e.g. Community Association and Strontian Youth Club



# What did we buy back then?

*Assets or Liabilities (a bit of both)*

- Fishing Rights on Strontian River
- Small area of the River Bank
- Fishing Rights Loch Doilet
- Rights on a Bank of the Polloch River
- Strontian Village Green
- 2 Plots in the Community Woodland





# Events and Activities

*We needed engage our paying members and resources to help manage the assets.*

- The annual festive auction - still going strong
- A guess at the Director's baby photo competition.
- Logo Competition
- The Duck Race, A Treasure Hunt and it goes on ...

Over time we realised the value of these events was not just financial, it was about bringing people together.



# THE FUTURE?

Constant Consultation *with* the community

- Improving the village green as an open space for events and children's play
- Housing and Health Care
- Sustainability and the environment
- Education opportunities with the Strontian Primary and Ardnamurchan High Schools
- Paths and Access
- Improve our fishing assets and access to them
- Interpretation and promotion of the areas natural and cultural heritage
- Partnerships with other community and public bodies



# COMMON [ONGOING] THEMES

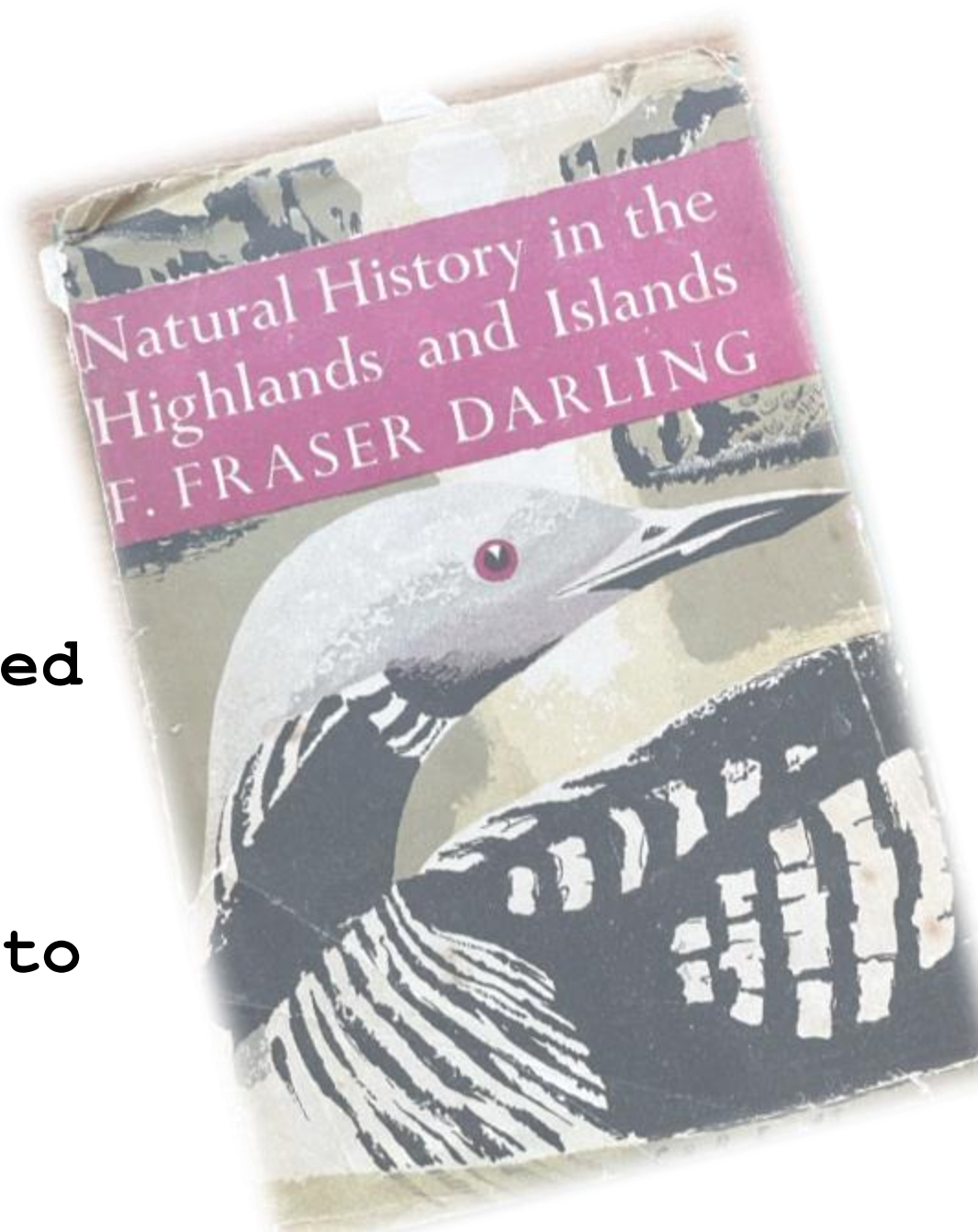
- Generational issues – young people and old people
- Education and Opportunities
- Housing, Housing, Housing
- Natural and Cultural Heritage
- Managing Natural Assets Sustainably





# Reflections

- The issues we identified 20 years ago are still the same issues facing this community today.
- The community has gained experience and confidence, developed assets, and realised income.
- Twenty years later, we are still purchasing land from state bodies and attempting to put them to "good use"





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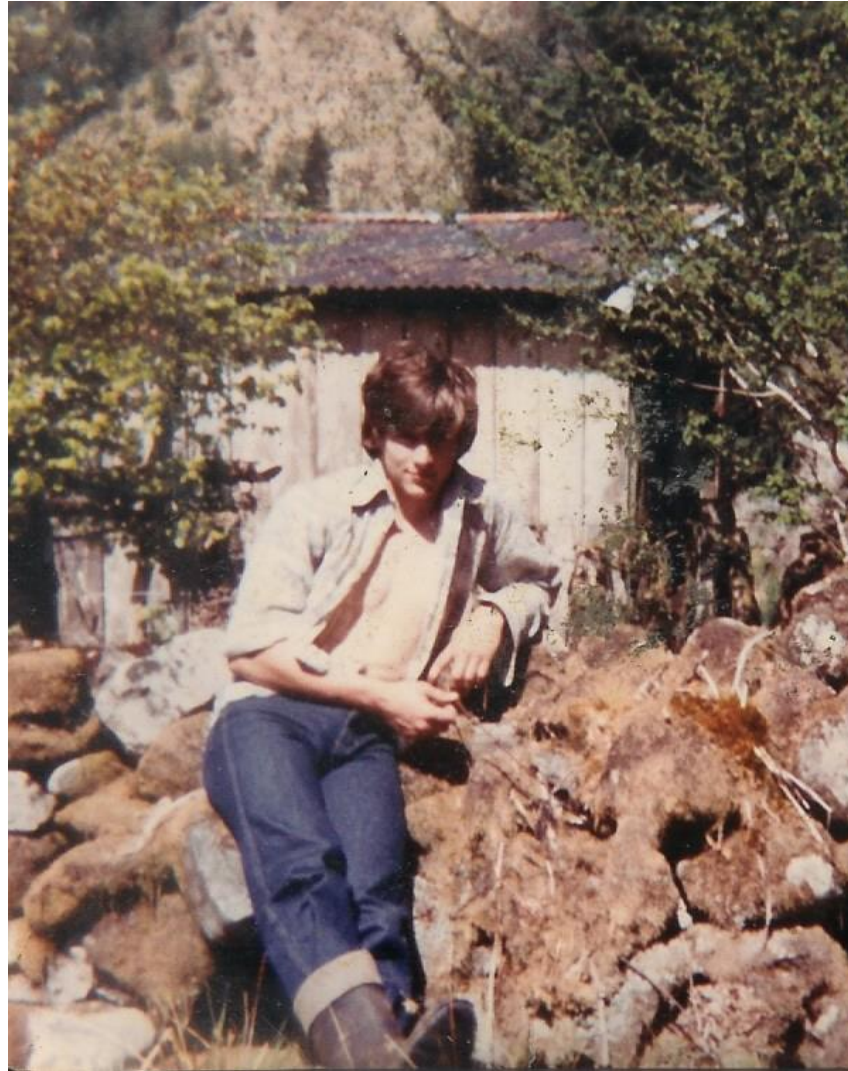




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