



Applecross Community Company (ACC) AGM

Date: 25th April 2022, 6.30pm
Venue: Applecross Community Hall and on zoom
Attendees: Owen Kilbride (Chair), Duncan Fraser, Rose-marie de Loor, Kenny Gilles, Chris Ward, Megan MacInnes, Gregor MacKenzie, Maureen Gavin, Sue Groocok, Mike Summers, Tony Jackson, Fiona MacKenzie, Lesley Kilbride, Thomas Kilbride, Frankie Ward, Valerie Hodgkinson, Gordon Cameron, Jack Marris, Saara Viitanen, Marion Gilroy, Elodie Matthews, Stuart Matthews, Gerry McPartlin, Rhona McPartlin, Anne MacRae, Melanie Page, Sean Kilbride, Kirsten Glover, Jon Glover, Elaine Glover, Mairi Summers, Ros Clarke, Ewen Gilles
Minutes by: Megan MacInnes

No.	Item
1	Record members present (and apologies)
1.1	Owen Kilbride (OK) started the meeting by welcoming the attendees, no apologies were recorded.
2	Minutes submitted for adoption
2.1	Minutes of the previous AGM (20 th April 2021) were approved. Saara Viitanen proposed, Tony Jackson seconded.
3	Chair's Report
3.1	Owen Kilbride explained that this would be his last meeting as Chair of ACC, he had continued in the role until the 2020/21 audit was completed. OK noted that Chris Ward had agreed to step-in as the interim chair for 12-months, but encouraged others who might be interested in the role to consider it
3.2	OK provided an overview of the Company's work and activities in the past year. ACC were sad that Ros and Saara both left their roles as LDOs during this time, but appreciated all their hard work. Gregor and Megan have subsequently been recruited. HIE have reduced the funding for the LDO roles to 75%, which means that the Company must provide 25% of cost of the roles, generated from local income sources. OK also noted that Sean Kilbride will be stepping down from the AppleNet support role and Calum Stiven will be taking over in June. OK thanked all the volunteer directors for their support and hard work during the year, particularly RMDL who put in a lot of time during the recruitment of new staff and while the audit was being undertaken.
3.3	Megan and Gregor provided an overview of miles towards the Company's Strategic Plan in the past year: Affordable housing: An Toll Ban houses are now complete and the new tenants have moved in, the

3.4	tenancies will be managed by Communities Housing Trust - The Company will now focus on developing the Hydro Field site and asked anyone with housing needs to get in touch Local Economy - Filling station and toilets are currently being upgraded, the new door payment system was installed in June 2021 - AppleNet is undergoing a substantial infrastructure upgrade, as a result of funding from the Scottish Government's Adapt and Thrive grant - The AppleCORRE EV-charging point feasibility study has been completed and the Board have decided to move into a phase 2 developing, assuming funding is available Community and Well-being - The feasibility study into community ownership of the Church of Scotland church at Camusterrach has been completed. The Board is proposing to ACC members in the Special Resolution (later in agenda) to acquire the Church, conditional on negotiations being finalized and a successful funding application to the SLF - The clear-fell of the 8ha of Sitka Spruce within Torgarve Community Woodland has been completed. The Company have raised funds from the Highland Council Coastal Communities Fund (match funded by ACC) for activities within the woodland, including hiring a Woodland Development Officer - The e-bikes are all out on long-lease to local residents (except one being repaired), a waiting list is available - The Covid-19 Community Support Group's work has almost been completed, further support around the cost of living and fuel price crises is available from Highland Council, if anyone wants to get in touch Marion Gilroy gave a short presentation on the completion of the Appleseed Allotment and Community Garden project, funded by the Climate Challenge Fund. The project has been a major success substantially meeting its milestones and involving a large number of participants from the community and beyond.
4	Treasurer's Report
4.1	RMDL provided an overview of the Company's finances. The Company received just over £581,000 in grants in the past 12 months for a range of community projects. We warmly thank all our funders for their contributions. ACC and ACT were both audited for the first time for the 2020-21 Financial Year, because the turnover had crossed the required threshold. The Audited Accounts for both have been published with Companies House and OSCR.
5	Resolutions
5.1	<i>Special Resolution: To purchase the Church of Scotland church building in Camusterrach (subject to successful funding bid and acceptance of offer).</i> 30 members voted unanimously to approve this Special Resolution, 29 members present at the meeting and one member through a proxy vote.
6	Election of Directors
6.1	Julie Baird has stepped down from the ACC Board as she has moved away from Applecross and OK thanked her for her contribution to the company. OK also thanked all the work the volunteer directors have played in the past 12-months, particularly RdL who stepped in during staff recruitment gaps in the past year.

6.2	Chris Ward and Kenny Gilles stepped down and were re-elected as Directors. Rosemarie de Loor proposed and Duncan Fraser seconded this.
6.3	Ros Clarke was elected to the board, Tom O'Hallaron proposed this and Owen Kilbride seconded this.
7	Any Other Business
7.1	Gerry McPartlin expressed his appreciation to OK for the time and effort he has put into ACC and for all the very significant achievements done under his chairmanship. Gerry also noted his appreciation for all the work the volunteer directors. This was seconded by Mike Summers who noted the significant improvement in relations between all the different stakeholder organizations within the community and the role that OK had played in facilitating this.
8	Date of next AGM
8.1	The next AGM was provisionally set for 17 th April 2023.