

## KYLE AND LOCHALSH COMMUNITY TRUST

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2014 IN KYLE VILLAGE HALL

### MINUTES

Chairman Brian Easter opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM by welcoming those attending, eighteen in total.

Fiona Begg read out the minutes of the last AGM. The minutes were approved by David Ashford and seconded by Christopher MacRae.

### PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF THE TRUST.

KLCT now has 169 members.

A successful application was made to The European Fisheries Fund, to fund improvements to Kyle pontoons and toilets. Highland Council will transfer ownership of these facilities to KLCT on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Due to delays in transfer, improvement work has been delayed until the end of the 2014 season.

The Big Lottery granted funding, which allowed work to start on The Plock of Kyle, clearing gorse, improving paths and signage and putting in an access road from the A82. Highland Council awarded further grants for signage and road access. A flag raising ceremony was held in April to mark the start of work on The Plock.

KLCT is working with Hamilton Park Trust to try and acquire the old Toll Office building.

Work is ongoing to carry out a charity to charity transfer from Hamilton Park Trust to Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust.

The Trust tried to acquire The Lighthouse Centre as a community hub, but was unsuccessful.

There is now a website up and running, which provides information on the work of the Trust.

HIE have provided funding for a worker and the post has been advertised.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Brian Easter made the following report to members. Trustees Bob Anderson and Terry Harvey are standing down at this AGM. Bob Anderson who has moved out of the area has agreed to be co-opted as treasurer for the coming year. Sadly we lost Ross McKerlich in December and his contribution and personality is greatly missed. Brian thanked all the trustees for their contribution and especially Fiona Begg, who as secretary is kept very busy. Brian closed by saying the KLCT will be more in the public eye now, due to ongoing projects and he hoped for support from Trust members and the wider community.

### ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Fiona Begg explained the Trust Constitution allows directors to stand for three years; they must then stand for re-election and can stand for six years in total. The current trustees: - Brian Easter, Chair, Fiona Begg, Secretary, Murdo Macrae and Val Watson will continue. A nomination was received from Marie Murphy to stand as a Director, this was approved and seconded.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

There is to be no charge for membership

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Campbell, Stewart, MacLennan & Co. has been appointed.

#### OPEN FORUM

Iain Begg asked about the Planetarium Project. Fiona replied that the Project had the support of KLCT, but until a worker is in place we could do no more. It is planned that the worker will deal with the Trust's key projects and other Kyle and Lochalsh community requirements.

David Ashford asked about the partial removal of the wall at The Plock/Toll Office. He stated this was a planning error as the wall was to prevent otters escaping. Fiona replied we have been discussing The Plock since 2010 and consulted with SNH on at least two occasions, plus applying for planning permission. SNH made no comment. The Trust did everything required of us, if we had been asked to meet any conditions we would have built in plans and costs to the project. David made an offer of assistance from Rodger Cottis.

Catherine Will asked about accessing help and advice for a Plockton project. Fiona reiterated that once a worker had been appointed we could assist. One of The Trust's objectives for 2014 is to find office space, so our worker will be accessible, and enough space for a community hub.

David Ashford asked if the corner shop would be a hub. Brian and Fiona explained that The Trust had looked at it, but it was not a feasible location for the Trust. KLCT's remit is to regenerate Kyle; there are gap sites and business opportunities. The Trust has its hands full and there is a lot of work, but KLCT hopes to bring more prosperity to the area and create jobs.

Ruth Fiskien said well done to the Trust for keeping going. Brian Easter thanked her and said he hoped this year would show a difference with the projects in hand.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.