



AGM – 7pm Monday 21st August 2023

Present

John Murray (Interim Chair), David Cowie (Treasurer), Amanda Macdonald, Valerie Mackay, Ian Sutherland, Marion Sutherland, Catherine Moodie (Development Manager).

13 members of the public were in attendance: Denise Biggs, Michael Biggs, Debbie Campion, Stuart Campion, Frances Christley, Valerie Gale, Jayne Gutteridge, Carl Lemkes, Lauren Mackay, Henrietta Marriott, Christine Ross, Rose Shelley, Claire Sutherland.

Apologies

Claire Gordon (Secretary), Kirsty McNamara, Peter Allan, Richard Gale, Lesley MacGruer.

Welcome and Apologies

John Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all present for attending. Apologies were confirmed and recorded at this stage.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

The minutes of the last meeting, which was on 26th August 2022, were reviewed page by page. The minutes were then proposed by Valerie Mackay and seconded by Marion Sutherland.

Matters arising

There were no new matters arising.

Chairperson Report

John Murray confirmed his report was for the trust's work covering 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023. He referred to his report which stated that Go Golspie Development Trust has had an extremely busy year this year - the YMCA building project taking up a considerable amount of time/energy to take nearly to completion. The creation of an intergenerational hub for the village has enabled the youth group to have a space from where they can now re-establish their group and more importantly Golspie Youth Club.

This year Go Golspie has continued to provide the community car service - essential for many, getting them to health appointments in Inverness and local health care facilities. Our minibus and Midas training continues to be very active - benefitting not only our village with volunteer drivers, but other communities throughout Sutherland. The Lunch Club, Mystery Tours and Walk and Talk activities are working well bringing joy to many - social inclusion is an important element for us as a charity to provide to the elderly and less mobile.

Fountain Road Hall continues to provide hall facilities for many local groups and individuals, along with providing wedding and funeral venue facilities when required. The first Playpark project was completed - bringing much fun and smiles to local children & visitors alike, situated beside the main road (A9 on the NC500). Reports showed the Breakwater option was not going to address Golspie's flooding issues effectively so following community engagement a new Flood Defence option with Groynes and Beach nourishment was put forwards and a Feasibility Study looking at this is underway.

We have added to our team with the appointment of a part-time Development Officer to assist with the management of our two buildings. All in all this year has been one where the organisation has provided a huge amount of community benefit once more. With a growing team and new projects to manage - this year has been challenging & productive.

Secretary Report

There were no additional matters to report.

Treasurer Report

David Cowie referred to his report giving details of the financial situation of Go Golspie confirming that the year closed with a balance of £178,600 as shown in the most recent accounts to 31st March 2023. There had been a number of grants awarded during the year with most restricted to specific projects. He also confirmed that unrestricted income stood at £23,090 at 31st March 2023.

Appointment of Financial Examiners

As Mackay & Co, Chartered Accountants are now our Financial Examiners, it was agreed to continue with this arrangement.

Election of Committee

Ian Sutherland reported he is stepping down from the board and was thanked by John Murray for all his hard work and input over several years.

John Murray reported the other current board members had all agreed to stay on the board: David Cowie, Claire Gordon, Amanda MacDonald, Valerie Mackay, Kirsty MacNamara and Marion Sutherland. This was confirmed by those board members present. Nominations to join the board were received from Jayne Gutteridge, Lauren Mackay and Henrietta Marriott. It was agreed unanimously they should join the board taking the total board members to 10 for the coming year.

Any other current business

John Murray thanked all those who volunteer for Go Golspie as they are much needed. He reported that a Club's Day was planned for November and that the Place Plan and updating the Community Plan were priorities. There is also the intention to hold another Strategy Day before too long.

Valerie Gale commented on how membership numbers have grown. Claire Sutherland requested detail on how funding had been spent so far in the Youth Area of the YMCA Building which will be provided following the meeting. Christine Ross suggested given the number of people attending the AGM that the Constitution could potentially be reviewed to increase the number of board members.

Date of next meeting

A date was set for a board meeting and to appoint office bearers on Monday 18th September 2023.

Approved: 27th August 2024

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