**MINUTES**

**TIREE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM 2022**

**7p 8 June 2022**

**An Talla**

1. **Present**: Dr John Holliday (chair), Iona Campbell (both in the hall); Phyl Meyer, John Patience and Andrew Kain (by Zoom)
2. **Welcome**
3. **Apologies**: Willie Hume
4. **Minutes of the 2021 AGM**: these were accepted with no changes. Proposed PM, seconded JP.
5. **Chairman’s report**:

Tiree Community Council has held ten public meetings this year, all on Zoom. There are currently four members: Dr John Holliday (Convenor), Iona Campbell (Secretary), Phyl Meyer (Treasurer) and John Patience. Councillors Stewart Carr and Gerard McGoogan resigned their positions during the year. There were no co-opted members.

We signed an Amended Local Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Argyll and Bute to allow us to continue to hold virtual meetings. We took part in a six-months-long Gaelic simultaneous translation pilot for our public meetings with CHARTS. This was very successful. We have attended virtual community council meetings on Coll, Mull and Iona, building useful relationships. We also attend the Coll Transport Forum. We had one joint meeting with the Tiree Community Development Trust.

We responded to a number of consultations, including Argyll and Bute Council Community Consultation on West Coast Air Services PSO, National Planning Framework, ABC consultation on virtual community council meetings, CalMac Socio-Economic Report, National Care Service and Island Bonds.

Tiree Community Council agreed a new Planning Policy after consultation. During the year we made submissions on two planning applications.

We made a detailed submission to Boundaries Scotland. We suggested the creation of new ward for Coll and Tiree in place of the four-member Oban South and the Isles ward. They suggested a two-member ward for Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree, but this was turned down in the Scottish Parliament. We held a hustings event for prospective councillors. This was streamed and had 338 views. There were three candidates based on Coll or Tiree in these elections, but none were successful.

Tiree Community Council responded to the consultation on Argyll and Bute Council’s Collective Leadership Model. We ran an online survey which elicited 79 responses, with a three-to-one majority against the proposals. Our submission opposed this model and the way the consultation had been carried out. We are also involved in a consultation on making the interim Executive Head of Oban and Tiree Schools permanent.

We complained, jointly with Coll Transport Forum, about the poor docking success in the spring while the *Clansman* was in dry dock or covering the fleet’s winter maintenance programme. We won an assurance from the company that the *Clansman* would return to the Tiree-Coll run straight away next winter. We were consulted about an increase in CalMac’s cancellation charges. A survey on this was critical of the changes, and our submission reflected that. The Tiree Transport Forum was re-established.

We agreed a reduction in Loganair flights in the spring due to Covid pressures. These flights will be returned to Tiree later in the year.

We initiated campaigns about high heating costs at Pier View, a proposed sale of the Hynish Centre, restoring the island’s last public phone box in Baugh, the Ee mast in Cornaigmore, supply of the Tiree Broadband network from the exchange, the large numbers of agency staff at *Taigh an Rubha*, the length of time taken by the refund of travel expenses after a hospital trip, the retirement of the island’s visiting dentist and the loss of the orthodontic service in Oban.

Our project to repair and re-purpose all the island’s phone boxes has made little progress this year, but is still active. We were granted funds to set up a community garden in Scarinish, but there has been only limited planting so far. We successfully applied for funding and installed two bike repair stands in Scarinish and Crossapol.

We changed our email from Google mail to Microsoft Outlook using the Tiree Trust’s account. We agreed to return the arrangement of the Remembrance Day service to the two churches.

1. **Treasurer’s report**: PM presented the accounts (enclosed). We have £1,195 of unrestricted funds. There is some unspent money from the bike stand grant, as we had to make do with a cheaper model. We agreed to spend this on a replacement sign on the Tiree road code at the Coop and a replacement bike rack at *Bùth a’ Bhaile*. **PM will write to the Council to seek their permission for this**. The accounts were proposed by IC and seconded by JP. The accounts will be scrutinised by Ann MacDonald.
2. **Election of office holders**: JP took the chair. John Holliday was unanimously elected Convenor (proposed PM, seconded IC), Iona Campbell was elected Secretary (proposed JH, seconded PM) and Phyl Meyer was elected Treasurer (proposed JH, seconded IC).
3. **AOCB**: PM reminded the meeting that there were vacancies on the community council and encouraged members of the community to put their names forward for the three months remaining of this council term.

Dr John Holliday

9 June 2022