

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

Annual General Meeting Thursday 21st November 2019 7.30pm

Present: Ian Wilson (IW), Fergus Christie (FC), Jane Clements (JC), Ailsa Raeburn (AR), Anne Shaw (AS), Malcolm Henderson (MH), Brandon Clements (BC), Linda MacDonald (LM)

Subsidiary companies: GTL - John Bannatyne, Kevin Williams, Ian Wilson, Jane Clements

GGPL/GREL - John Martin, Ian Wilson, Fergus Christie

Apologies- Ian Pinniger (GGPL/GREL), Stuart McNeil (IGHT)

In attendance - Angus MacGillivray (RA Clement), Jane Millar (IGHT), 30-40 IGHT Members

Minutes: Alexandra Vipurs

1) Approval of minutes from the AGM on the 22nd November 2018

Alastair McNeil and Ken Deacon approved the minutes from the 22nd November 2018 on behalf of the members in attendance.

2) IGHT-Welcome of the Chair

Ian Wilson welcomed all members present to the meeting and introduced Angus MacGillivray to present the audited IGHT and Subsidiary accounts for the 2018/2019 financial year.

3) Presentation of the Audited IGHT and Subsidiary Accounts to 31st March 2019

Angus MacGillivray presented the accounts for the 2018/2019 financial year.

The income for the year overall was £551,007, slightly down from the previous financial year. The total expenditure for the year was £360,850. The total amount owed in debt by IGHT was £1,187,147 on 31st March 2019. This has decreased significantly over the last two financial years. The net proceeds from the sale of Braeside and Woodend have been used to further reduce borrowings and monthly repayments since the year end.

The net profit from GGPL for the year ended 31st March 2019 was £80,693. The net profit for GTL was £70,718.

Detailed accounts available on the IGHT website

4) Update on IGHT and Subsidiary Companies' activities

- i) Uncontrolled camping on the island causes a large amount of mess and controlling the creation of informal campsites with appropriate facilities would tackle this issue whilst bringing in an income to the Trust. Moving forward, there will be further discussions around the development of a formal campsite near the ferry slip. The Trust are hopeful that Grant Berry will allow campers to use the campsite this coming year whilst any new site is being developed. He has confirmed that he wants to focus on developing the Boat House as a restaurant and not a camping facility.
- ii) An application was made for funding to improve footpaths on Gigha although this was not successful in its first attempt due to the Fund being oversubscribed fourfold. Further applications for support have been submitted and if these are successful, the plans should proceed.

- iii) The Trust are hoping to secure the employment of a full-time gardener for Achamore Gardens next year to maintain and develop the gardens.
- (iv) The affordable housing survey has been completed and the Trust is moving forward to investigate housing options.
- (v) The Community hub is currently in the planning stage.
- (vi) The Community Fund has been launched and applications are able to be made from December 2019. Anyone who has a project or activity that would support a thriving and healthy community on Gigha is eligible to apply.
- (vii) Andy Clements gave an update on the T1 Turbine which is currently out of use due to a fault with the gearbox. Progress is being made although there are external challenges from weather and contractors availability which have hindered this.

5) Appointment of the Auditors

John Martin and Alistair McNeil approved the appointment of auditors for 2019/2020 year.

6) Voting/Election

There was no vote this year as there were four nominations made and four vacancies on the board. Ian Wilson welcomed Linda McDonald on to the Board as a new Director.

7) A.O.C.B

- i) The plastic waste pile at Eilean Garbh beach was discussed as an eyesore to one of the assets of the island. The idea of a volunteer group was positively raised and burning of the plastic was strongly discouraged. A member of the community has offered to provide bins at safe locations around the island following further discussions.
- ii) Following a question raised at the previous tenants meeting it was confirmed that it is the tenant's responsibility to arrange their own chimney sweeping.

8) Vote of Thanks and Close of Meeting

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm.