

Cairnbaan Community Trust

Urras a' Chàirn Bhàin



Minutes of Inaugural AGM Cairnbaan Community Trust

7pm on 7th November 2024, The Egg Shed, Ardrishaig

Present:

Members: Iain MacNicol, Wilf Hughes, Ann Adam, Jim Maitland, Roberta Maitland, Malcolm Sinclair, Valerie Cleave, Monica Stewart, Rose Marie Parr, Duncan Inglis, Douglas Grierson, Colin Davies, Lynda O'Neil, David Thomas, Ian Brooke.

Associate Members: Jeremy Birnie, Peter Trott, Archie Fulton, Jessie Laurie

Non Members: Joe Osborn, David Lyle, Councillor Jan Brown, Justin Okumu, Claire McCartin, Stuart McCartin, Alan Hutchinson, Richard Stein.

Apologies: Clare Russell, Andrew Nash, Ann Longbone, Alan Simpson, Rickeera Kaur, Scott McBride.

Proxy Forms: Elizabeth Davies, Joseph Jevon, Megan Cox, Maureen Brankin, Brian Gibbons, David Schorstein, Anne Watson, Siobhan Canavan, Alan Carney

The meeting was quorate.

Chair Report:

The Chair read out the report which was unanimously approved. Please click [here](#) to view the full report.

Treasurer's Report:

The Chair read out the financial report which was unanimously approved. Please click [here](#) to view the full report.

Cairnbaan Community Trust Constitution:

The Chair asked if everyone had read the constitution which was published on our website and asked if members for their approval which was unanimously agreed.

Trustees:

The Chair explained that all Trustees had to retire at this stage and thanked all Trustees for their hard work. He then read out the list of outgoing Trustees and those seeking re-election. Those seeking re-election had been nominated by 2 members and he asked for approval of those candidates.

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Siobhan Canavan
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Wilf Hughes
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These were unanimously approved.

AOB:

High Brenfield Wind Farm Community Shared Ownership:

Iain MacNicol spoke about a joint initiative with other local communities led by Tayvallich Initiative around High Brenfield Wind Farm Community Shared Ownership. This is at a very early stage and planning permission has not yet been granted. Iain explained that funding was available in the form of a loan to buy shares and would be paid back once dividends for shares were realised. It would mean that small communities would have annual income from this venture. He assured members that no decisions would be taken without a community consultation.

The meeting closed and the Chair thanked the attendees for coming with a special thank you to Scottish Canals for the use of the Egg Shed facilities.

Film: We are Cairnbaan

After the AGM Joe Osborn gave the first viewing of the film 'We are Cairnbaan'. The film was well received and everyone applauded Joe's sterling work. The film will be made available for all members to view online. Councillor Jan Brown suggested that the Film could be shown at other local Community Council meetings.

Crinan and Bellanoch:

Following the film showing there was an informal discussion where Richard Stein from Crinan spoke about the possibility of Crinan and Bellanoch joining Cairnbaan Trust. It was agreed that this could be explored in the New Year.

Anchor Tenant FLS Buildings:

Peter Trott spoke to the members about possibly wishing to rent space within the FLS buildings to house a gin distillery. He updated attendees that he was still in the process of branding etc. which would still be ongoing until approximately March 2025. He agreed to keep Iain MacNicol up to date on developments.

Date of next meeting 6 November 2025