

# Dunvegan Trust AGM

**Reg charity number.** SCO 40318

**Present :** Jason Bold ( chairman), Mali Messent ( vice chairperson), Anne MacAskill, Gilly Alston (treasurer) , Paul MacAskill.

**Apologies** - Donna Campbell , Maressa Munro NWSFC

**Also in attendance :** Dave Shelley , Sarah Williams , Jo Ford ( SLVCO ) , Calum Munro ( Highland council and Kilmuir community trust) , Catherine Macphee , Iain Langlands ( Macleod estate ) , Beads , John Laing ( Dunvegan Community council ) , Iain and Carol Houston.

**Confirmation of previous AGM minutes** proposed by Gilly Alston and seconded by Paul MacAskill.

## 1. Chair's report 2021-22

2. First a thank you to DCT committee members Mali (vice-chair), Paul, Gilly (Treasurer), Anne, Katie (Secretary), Leona and Matt for your valued input this last year.
3. There has been a collective push to reinvigorate the Trust, what it strives to achieve and how best it can support the community here in Dunvegan.
4. It starts by people volunteering their time and energy to help improve, re-imagine and support development on many levels. Without volunteers, we can achieve very little. Without community feedback, engagement, votes and collective energy, ideas to make Dunvegan a better place to live, will take longer to achieve.
5. After the Covid years, we finally managed to host a public drop in event in November 2021 in Dunvegan Hall. We had a wide range of viewpoints for what Dunvegan needs plus direct feedback on potential projects like an enhanced Playpark, alongside feedback on Orbst Forest.
6. For us the Trust, it was a massive step forwards in re-connecting to the needs of the community and has helped us refine our objectives and approach.
7. Objectives for year ahead:
8. · Dunvegan Community Trust SCIO set up & transition
9. · Establish SCIO subgroups & funding profiles for priority projects e.g. Playpark
10. · Review need for a Dunvegan Development Strategy
11. · Ongoing community engagement & group funding support

12. · Continue working alongside Dunvegan Community Council to support those most in need and the enhancement of the village and surrounding areas.
13. Key Activity
14. Kenny Nicolson – Development Officer
15. Kenny has been working with the Trust since March 2022, getting an understanding the community landscape and driving through changes to the trust's structure towards a SCIO. Kenny will be sharing an update on his key findings during this AGM.
16. Community drop in event – November 2021
17. Insights gathered from the event and online survey, have really helped shape our focus. The event was well attended and a summary of the results were shared back to our members, and are readily available for others to see.
18. SCIO transition - ongoing
19. Mali will share more details of our plans and progress, but the overarching desire to shift to a SCIO, is to enable the Trust to oversee and develop its own projects, rather than funding having to be fed only to constituted groups, of which there is only so many supported by volunteers.
20. As part of this AGM, we will be taking a vote within the existing committee to approve the move towards a SCIO, with the subsequent winding down on the old Trust structure, once the SCIO is operational.
21. Community Council
22. CC and DCT continue to work together, and we have co funded an energy support scheme to help distribute credit pasyment to household who are struggling the most, to pay for energy. DCT willingly continues to provide an annual grant to DCC for village related maintenance and initiatives.
  
23. **Treasurer Report** - Gilly Alston gave a detailed overview of the trusts account and numbers for the year.
  
24. **SCIO transition** - Mali Messent went through what a SCIO is to the group , she explained the benefits of moving from a trust to a SCIO. Jo Ford went into detail about how SCIO's work and Calum Munro told us about the advantages and his experiences with moving to it.
  
25. **Development officer overview** - Kenny gave a briefing on all the work he has done so far and all his upcoming projects.
  - SCIO application
  - Community playpark
  - Gaeltec building
  - Orbost and cruachan wood
  - Wind farm shared ownership proposal
  - Community minibus
  - Community garden space
  - Youth club
  - Cycles path

26. **Resignation of committee members** - Katie Kroll , Matt Wildman and Coull

27. **Election of new committee.** Current remaining member of the trust committee will transfer to new SCIO.

28. **A.O.C.B** - John Laing thanked the trust for the funding given to the community council.

Iain Houston from the mooring association spoke about the community pontoon with  
The group talked about what can we do to help the community in the short  
term with the cost of living crisis.

Next committee meeting pencilled in for 6th October 2022