



## AGM 2019

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Edinburgh Sutherland Association held at 7pm on Wednesday 03 July, 2019 at the Kenilworth, 152-154 Rose Street, Edinburgh**

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from....

Bill and Marie Manson  
Sandra and Stewart Chalmers  
Matthew Williams  
Rachel Haworth  
Christine Smith  
David Mackay

Those present were:

Marie Mackay  
Wilma Macleod  
Andrew Mackenzie  
Steven Anderson  
Willie and Anne Macintosh  
David Paterson  
David and Shona Morrison  
Lorraine Smith

## 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The Minutes of the last AGM had been circulated prior to and at the meeting. Andrew Mackenzie, President, asked for concerns and questions – none were raised. The Minutes were duly proposed by Andrew, seconded by Anne.

## 3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

### **President's Remarks (AGM 2019)**

We had another brilliant annual ceilidh in Loanhead. It took place in June and saw us raise £600 for good causes in Sutherland. This was only about eight months after the previous annual ceilidh, which had to be rescheduled, which raised £900. We also held a quiz night in May. Our annual Christmas dinner in December was also a good night, with entertainment from Neil John MacPhail, David Morrison and Andy Sanders.

Along with Anne and Willie Macintosh, I was honoured to represent the Association at the inaugural Edinburgh Highland dinner in the New Club in September. I particularly enjoyed catching up with Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the patron of the dinner, who has roots in Sutherland (Scourie). It is important that the Association makes links with likeminded groups, such as this one, as we seek to raise awareness of the Association and attract new members and event attendees. We awarded over £3,000 to good causes in 2018 and hope to do similar this year, but in order to keep providing such vital support we need to develop and expand our capacity, which is challenging with our few dedicated committee members.

I will take this opportunity to thank all the committee for their hard work over the year.

#### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Proposed by Anne, Seconded by Wilma.  
Summary report from Treasurer:

##### **Treasurer's Report**

At the end of April 2019 we had a balance of £1390.27 in the current account and £2975.13 in the NS & I, making a total of £4365.85 - compared to £5399.49 last year.

Our fundraising events were:

The Sutherland Ceilidh in Tongue which raised £540

The Croft Ceilidh in Loanhead which raised £725.28

The Christmas Dinner £191.

Donations were received from Sandra and Stewart £230, Mr & Mrs Mackenzie £50 and David Morrison £100.00.

The Association made donations of £2890 (figure shown in Accounts) plus the £244 donated in March 2018 - making a total of £3134

There were no new members

End of Report.

## 5. DONATIONS

Steven Anderson handed out the summary of applications for funding received this year through the application page of the website and by email. These came as a result of the call for applications spread through word-of-mouth, via the Northern Times and through our Facebook page and website.

The applications were discussed and the following were awarded funding from the Association:

#	Applicant 2019	Money for:	Amount requested:	Amount Awarded:
1	Golspie Guides	Bus costs, Trip, Camp costs	£600	200
2	Sutherland Care Forum	Mobile foot service - travel costs	£500	500
3	Friends of Clyne War Mem Assoc.	Upgrade original clock	£1,614	0
4	Move it Monster Club	Gym hire for 24 weeks	£240	240
5	Brora Community Theatre Group	Portable PA system plus 2No. Mics	£240	240
6	Dornoch Festival Week Tea dance	Catering sponsor	£250	250
7	Durness Village Hall	Portable Public Address system	£500	500
8	Skerry Village Hall	Hall WC refurbishment	£1,000	500
9	Isobel Murray John	Flights for unpaid internship in UN in Tanzania	£580	580
			<b>£5,524</b>	<b>£3,010</b> agreed

**This means the total donations from the Association this year amounts to £3,010**

It was also discussed that the wording within our award letter and cheque to the above applicants should include a request that where possible the Association's contribution should be credited in any literature/reporting from the applicants.

6. FUNCTIONS 2019/20

**2020 Loanhead Ceilidh - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Quiz night**

**Xmas dinner 2019**

**Sutherland Ceilidh – potential for Durness or Lairg was discussed – Andrew to look at options.**

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

It was agreed that the following would remain in their current positions:

President – Andrew Mackenzie  
Vice-President – Willie Macintosh  
Treasurer – Anne Macintosh  
Secretary – Steven Anderson

Committee Members:

Rachel Haworth, Christine Smith and Lorraine Smith opted to remain on the committee. It was noted that Gordon Black would remain as Honorary Auditor. Sandra Chalmers remains the Honorary President.

David Mackay and Matthew opted to remain.

Suggest we contact Tracy Mackay about being on the committee.

8. AOCB

William - New folk on the committee – always an issue. Options for younger folk etc. We discussed and agreed it was difficult to get younger generations interested.

Andrew Mackenzie thanked everyone for attending and brought the meeting to a close.

**Close of meeting**