

Edinburgh Sutherland Association
Minutes of committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17 August 2021 (Zoom)

In attendance:

Andrew Mackenzie (President)
Willie Macintosh (Vice President)
Steven Anderson (Secretary)
Anne Macintosh (Treasurer)
Christine Smith

David Morrison (Patron)

1. Apologies

Rachel Haworth
David Mackay
Lorraine Smith
Lynne O'Brien

2. Update from Treasurer

Anne confirmed that between the two bank accounts we held £4,245.86. Andrew noted that there was also around £3,000 to come in from JustGiving following Robbie Mitchell's record-breaking cycle and related fundraising.

3. Applications and funding awards

Steven provided a summary of the five applications for funding received this year and shared screen to show further details. Applications came from:

- Brora Primary Parent Council for signage around the village to advertise new community play park.
- Lewis Duncan, Brora, for young biker to cover entry costs for British and Scottish national downhill mountain bike competitions.
- Big Sing Macleod, Skerry, to cover cost of travel and copyright costs for north coast community singing group.
- Ruairaidh Jack, Bettyhill, for dive equipment for marine-biology university student to attend research placement in Malta.
- Sutherland Care Forum for Friends at Home service, where volunteers visit and support older people in central and east Sutherland.

The committee discussed the applications and agreed that all should receive some funding, agreeing that Sutherland Care Forum would be a very worthy recipient given the important support service it was providing to older people in the community during the pandemic. The following was agreed:

- Brora Primary Parent Council - £500
- Lewis Duncan, Brora - £500
- Big Sing Macleod, Skerry - £250
- Ruairaidh Jack, Bettyhill - £500
- Sutherland Care Forum - £750

Therefore, the committee agreed to donate £2,500 to good causes in Sutherland.

5. Future fundraising events and AOCB

Andrew noted that further online events were being planned, including one with Brora photographer, Craig Mackay. It was agreed that we should aim to hold an in-person Christmas dinner, with Andrew offering to explore venues and costs. Andrew confirmed that an AGM would follow later in the year.