



AGM 2021

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Edinburgh Sutherland Association
held at 7pm on Monday 29th November - by Zoom call.**

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Rachel Haworth
David Mackay
Lynne Obrien
Sandra and Stewart Chalmers

Those present were:

Andrew Mackenzie
Steven Anderson
Willie and Anne Macintosh
David and Shonagh Morrison
Christine Smith
Hilary and Bob Mackay
Chris Fraser
Joan Mackay

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 David, seconded by Christine.

3. ESA AGM 2021 President's Remarks

Andrew Mackenzie said:

"Covid 19 has created another challenging year with no in-person fundraising events so far. However, this year we have got back to fundraising and giving out money to good causes.

After welcoming applications in May, the committee decided to donate funds to the Sutherland Care Forum, Brora Primary Parent Council and Big Sing in Skerray. We also donated to some young folk in the county, Lewis Duncan from Brora and Ruaraidh Jack from Bettyhill. Therefore, in total, the committee agreed to donate £2,500 to good causes in Sutherland.

That has only been possible due to fundraising. We held a Zoom event on 22 November with renowned Brora photographer, Craig Mackay, raising over £300. We have also benefited from donations, including from our Patron, David Morrison. This year we also developed a particularly special fundraising partnership with the now record-breaking, Robbie Mitchell. Robbie, from Durness, raised over £4,000 for the Association with his incredible North Coast 500 cycle challenge in the summer. We hope to work with Robbie again in the future.

I am delighted that we will hold an in-person event later this week – our Christmas dinner on 4 December. It will be a small gathering of around 22 people but will be a great opportunity to meet in person after almost two years without much face-to-face contact.

I will take this opportunity to thank all the committee, and particularly Anne and Steven, for their hard work over the year."

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

At the end of April 2021 we had a balance of £3,102.35 in the current account and £3,020.52 in the NS & I, making a total of £6122.87 - compared to £3,904.16 last year.

The balance at present 29/11/21, in the Current Account, is £5,653.96 and the national savings £3,020.52, making a total of £8,674.48

Our only Fund Raising for the year was the Virtual Ceilidh which raised £727.

We received donations of £1,420.00 from:

David Morrison £1,000, Christine Smith £20, Hilary & Bob Mackay £100, David Paterson £100, David Mackay £50 and Mr & Mrs Mackenzie £150

We did not make any donations.

We did not incur any expenses

5. DONATIONS

Please refer to ESA - Committee Meeting - August 2021 – Minutes for details of the awards made in Summer 2021.

6. FUNCTIONS 2020/21

Please refer to section 3. Presidents Remarks.

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 was absent but remains on the committee.

Morven Sutherland agreed to join the committee.

8. AOCB

Andrew keen to get back to in person events. A mix of online and in person the likely approach for the immediate future and pandemic permitting.

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

Close of meeting