

Ullapool Museum Trust

Minutes of the 259th meeting of Ullapool Museum Trust held on Tuesday 2nd November(on Zoom)

1. Present: Ellie Ing, Siobhan Beatson, Alastair Cunningham, Jenny Cunningham, George Hobbs (on Zoom), Mhairi Muncaster, Penny Stewart, Lesley Spenceley
2. Apologies: Helen Avenell, Jemma Middleton, Ian Cockburn
3. Minutes of previous board meeting were approved
4. Matters arising: Crowdfunding - Mhairi and Siobhan to discuss perhaps starting a campaign in December.
5. Preparations for AGM: 9 attendees registered so far. This is sufficient but the meeting will be advertised further in the Ullapool News and on social media.
6. Finances: the new account is set up, Lesley will pick up a card reader from Alastair to give her access to the online account. Nigel and Alastair have made trial payments / transfers successfully. Alastair to talk to George about handing over treasurer responsibilities.
7. Manager update: see attached figures. Visitor numbers on 56% compared to 2019 (which was one of the best years). In 2021 our opening hours have been reduced and there have been very few overseas visitors.
 - The online shop is now live with some orders coming in already. Later in the year Mhairi and Siobhan will discuss how to make further improvements to the shop.
 - Inverlael workshop to be held in museum on 13th November 2pm - 4pm. This and a report to be placed in Ullapool News.
 - A budget discussion is needed with regard to the increase in minimum wage and how it will affect the cost of employing Arran when funding ceases in August 2022.
8. AOB : Dick Poor, founding member of the museum has passed away. His daughter has offered to send the museum a file of information surrounding the setting up of the museum.

Board to meet next at the AGM 10th November 2021 8pm

