

**Ullapool Museum Trust minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at 8pm on Sunday
27th November 2022 online by Zoom.**

Present: Acting Chair – Mhairi Muncaster.

**Members - Chrissy Boyd, Nigel Carr, Alastair Cunningham, Jenny Cunningham,
Kate Gibson, George Hobbs, Andrew Mackenzie,
Robbie Mackenzie, Sheila Massey, Penny Stewart, Christine Yuill.**

**In attendance: - Helen Avenell, Siobhan Beatson, Marian Hobbs, Erik Lundberg and
August Maclean.**

- 1. Notice calling the meeting:** The Chair confirmed that notice of the meeting had been issued to all members of the Trust in accordance with the constitution. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and explained that there would be a run through of the formalities which would then be followed by presentations from Helen Avenell and Siobhan Beatson on the Lost Inverlael project.
- 2. Apologies:** Alastair Armitstead, Kate Copestake, Alex Eaton, Ishbel & Paul Hartley, Bruce & Ellie Ing, Mabel Macleod, Joan Pennie, Don Shaw, Lesley Spenceley, Ann Urquhart and Janet Urquhart. Board member – Jemma Middleton.
- 3. Minutes of the last AGM:** the minutes of the last AGM on 10th November 2021 having been circulated on the museum website and also on the AGM chat were proposed for approval by Mhairi Muncaster and seconded by Penny Stewart.
- 4. To receive the Chair's report of the year:** Mhairi gave a brief verbal report of the work that Helen and Siobhan had been working on with the Inverlael Project, she also told members that the project had had national recognition and been nominated for an Archaeology Award, Helen and Siobhan would be attending the award ceremony at Dublin Castle on Tuesday 29th November. A fuller report would be given in the presentations after the meeting. Mhairi talked about the Just Talk! series of lectures that Siobhan had organised over the summer and how well attended they had been. The Vintage Day which had traditional craft displays was also well attended as was the Community Ceilidh at Braemore Hall for the Lost Inverlael project. Mhairi also spoke about how after two years of Covid restrictions the volunteers were again providing soup and sandwiches at the Tuesday markets in the Village Hall.
- 5. To receive the recommendations of the Board as to the appointment of a Reporting Accountant:** Mhairi proposed continuing to use Tim Wright as Chartered Accountant this was seconded by Alastair Cunningham. The accounts had been available to view on the museum website in line with the constitution and there being no questions, Mhairi Muncaster proposed approval of the accounts this was seconded by George Hobbs.
- 6. Election and retirement of Directors:**

- Jemma Middleton – re-elected proposed by Mhairi Muncaster, seconded by Penny Stewart
- Mhairi Muncaster to be voted in as Chair: proposed by Penny Stewart seconded by George Hobbs

Retirement of Ellie Ing and Lesley Spenceley as directors of the Museum Trust.

7. **Appeal for more Board Members:** Marian Hobbs and Erik Lundberg were in attendance as possible new board members. An approach had also been made to Highland Council to have Liz Kraft as the nominated councillor from Highland Council as required in the Museum Memorandum and Articles of Association.
8. **Proposed change to the Museum Memorandum and Articles of Association regarding the number of Trustees required:** the proposal was to change the required minimum number of Board members to three and the minimum number for the quorum also to three. The rationale for this change being that there is now a strong team of staff in place to run the museum, which there hadn't been in the past and the Board does not need to be as operational now in the day to day running of the museum. The change was proposed by Mhairi Muncaster and seconded by Alastair Cunningham.

Meeting Closed:- The Chair thanked everyone for their interest and attendance. **The meeting was followed by presentations from Helen Avenell and Siobhan Beatson on the Lost Inverlael project followed by Q & A's.**