

St Fillans Community Trust Limited (“the Trust”)

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th February 2022
In The Sandison Hall at 7.40 pm.**

Present:

Richard Graham (Chairman) Johnston Brown (Treasurer) and 12 members.

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Lynda Pryde, Lorna Kennelly, Carol Graham, Geoff Carter, Cathy Moncrief and Craig Dobney

Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th February 2021 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

Board Reports:

Chairman’s report

Trustees.

Your Trustees are the same as at last year’s report. They are Myself, Johnston Brown (Treasurer), Lorna Kennelly, Lynda Pryde and Carol Graham.

As always, they have my sincere thanks for their dedication, wisdom and common sense.

Trust Activities.

Hopefully after a quiet couple of years due to the pandemic, things seem at last, to be returning to some degree of normality. Hopefully, as easing begins to be more widely felt, both the activities of the Trust and indeed the fundraising activities of the village, so important to the running of the Trust, will return with a vengeance!

I know we all look forward to our annual, monthly and weekly events resuming, and the village returning to its normal vibrant, sociable self.

Funding - We have provided funding in the following areas this year.

Materials for the construction of the new village library in the Sandison Hall. This is a great asset for the village, particularly in the long dark winter months, and I would encourage all villagers to use it. Golf Club defibrillator (AED). We gave a significant donation to assist in the purchase of this item, which now gives greater coverage to the village, particularly golfers and dog walkers.

Battery for the village ride on mower. Stewart Gavigan managed to obtain a ride on mower from the new owners of the Drummond Hotel. One of the major requirements for its refurbishment was the battery. We hope it will be well used by various village groups, including the gardening group and the heritage group.

Defibrillator pads. The village AED requires the pads to be renewed at regular intervals. Funding was provided for this.

Village fireworks. The Festive Committee held a very successful bonfire night. Funding was provided for fireworks, and at the conclusion of the event, monies raised by bucket collection were returned to the Trust.

Loch Earn Railway Path (LERP). As most villagers are aware, the latest addition to the LERP is currently under construction. We are delighted that this short, but important link section is nearly complete.

Viability study for a new Village Hall. The Trust is acting as bankers in relation to this project. A Grant was successfully applied for, and as invoices arrive, the Trust ensures that the remittance is paid via LLTNP.

Your Community Trust are always here to assist with any village financial matters. We have contacts who are accountants, have knowledge around Grant and funding, and many areas that villagers may find helpful. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with a Trustee, should you have any matters you would like to discuss.

Treasurer's report

The Main purpose of the Trust remains the provision of financial guidance to community ventures, initiated and supported by the community, and that of assistance to raise funds for those ventures deemed as appropriate.

The accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 have been circulated via the Village email system and the figures are set out on the reverse of the AGM. They have been submitted to the Charity Regulator OSCR.

This was the Fourteenth year of the Trust's activities. During the year the Unrestricted Funds received income of £4,400 which comprised £200 donation from the Achray Hotel for the use of the Village Marquee and £4,200 from RBS for moving the bank account to Clydesdale. RBS were required by the "Authorities" to reduce the number of accounts it held and made offers to existing bank account holders to move away.

It made grants amounting to £691 to the St. Fillans Community. These grants were:

£320 net cost of the annual firework display
£220 for further laser lights for the Christmas Decorations
£75 to print updated village telephone directories for the Community Council
£76 for shelving in the Village Hall to facilitate the books and games exchange

£19,728 of grants were received to be used in the creation of the latest stage of the Loch Earn Railway Path. £28,773 was spent on LERP, with the balance being held for costs of future construction. A further £1,746 was spent on the construction of the Playpark.

£150 was received from P&K for the Paths Group who spent £150 on the purchase of the second hand "zimmer strimmer" for use on LERP.

At the end of the last financial year, The Trust had a total of £39,402 of available funds, of which £10,176 were general funds and £840 were restricted funds for the St Fillans Path Group; £27,820 for Loch Earn Railway Path (LERP) and £566 for the Playpark.

In the current financial year, £123 was the net cost of the annual fireworks display, £300 was donated to the Golf Club as a contribution towards the defibrillator they had purchased, and £102 was the cost of the other grants details by the Chairman.

£67,000 has been received from Gannochy Trust as its contribution to the current stage of the LERP construction. No Payments have yet been made on this phase and the balance of the funding will be received from Sustrans through the National Park. Scottish National Heritage, now known as Nature Scotland is providing the funding for the current work by TP&E in planning and project managing the overall project.

At present the Trust has £9,636 in its general funds, £596 in the Paths Group, £566 for the Playpark and £94,820 for LERP.

Nomination of Directors:

Richard Graham, Carol Graham and Lorna Kennelly retired by rotation in accordance with The Articles of Association of the Company and offered themselves for re-election. Their re-election was proposed by Trish Forrester and seconded by Stewart Gavigan. The three directors were re-elected unanimously.

Any other business:

There was no further business.

The Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.