



AULTBEA HALL TRUST (SC051700)
(originally AULTBEA COMMUNITY CENTRE AND FOOTBALL FIELD TRUST)

The Final Annual General Meeting of the Aultbea Hall Trust will be held at
Loch Ewe Community Church Hall on Tuesday 28 March at 7.30 pm.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Ratification of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Aultbea Hall Trust, followed by the Public Meeting, 7 April 2022
3. Trustees' Report for year ending 31 December 2022
4. Financial Report and 2022 Annual Accounts
5. Any Other Business.

For Information

As required by the Constitution of the original Trust, a resolution was passed at the Public Meeting following the Annual General Meeting of 7 April 2022, to dissolve the Trust and transfer its assets to Aultbea Hall [SCIO] SC051608, a new charitable organisation (established 23 February 2022) to retain the Hall and associated land in community ownership for the benefit of the inhabitants of Aultbea Community Council area.

All assets have now been transferred, namely: the Hall itself, the land known as the 'old' football field, (both now registered on the Land Registry); bank accounts and sundry contents items, specifically the marquees (as per the insurance policy.)

In due course, OSCR will be informed that the Aultbea Hall Trust (SC051700) should be removed from the charity register.



Aultbea Hall Trust: Annual General Meeting and Public Meeting

Thursday 7 April 2022
19.30 hrs. Loch Ewe Community Church

Andy Townsend, Chairman, welcomed 30 residents of Aultbea Community Council area to the AGM of Aultbea Hall Trust (AHT), held in early April rather than March owing to ongoing Covid circumstances.

1. Apologies

12 residents submitted apologies for absence from the AGM:

Jo Clark; Katie Grant; Phil Grant; Robin Haddow; Jonathon Jury; Chris MacLennan; Melissa Macleod; Alasdair MacNeill; Kathleen Martin; Roddy Paul; Emily Ross; Natalie White.

2. Appointment/reappointment of committee members of the Aultbea Hall Trust

Andy explained that the Deed of Trust required all current committee members to step down and a new committee to be elected. Eight people offered their services, cognisant of the potential of personal liability.

The meeting unanimously endorsed the appointment of Colin Bell, Pauline Butler, Danny Grant, Fiona Mackenzie, Roddy Mackenzie, Jean Ross, Martin Rowe and Andrew Townsend to form the new committee.

3. Ratification of the minutes of the Public Meeting held on 6 October 2021

Andy reminded the meeting of the circumstances of the Public Meeting, chaired by Jo Ford of SLCVO, that was held on 6 October 2021 when the three remaining committee members of the Aultbea Hall Management Committee stood down. Had no-one been prepared to replace them, a resolution to dissolve the Aultbea Hall Trust and dispose of its assets would have been voted on. However, as Pauline Butler, Fiona Mackenzie and Andrew Townsend were willing to stand, no such vote was necessary. The Minutes of that meeting were published in the *Gairloch & District Times* and on the Aultbea Hall Trust website. On being put to the vote, those present ratified the minutes unanimously.

4. Financial Report and approval of the Trust's Accounts as of 31 December 2021

Martin Rowe (interim treasurer) spoke to the accounts which were made available to the meeting, as well as having been published on the AHT website. Most of the details had been provided by the previous committee members, though he had undertaken due diligence in reviewing the information where possible. There were no questions relating to the accounts and they were unanimously accepted by those present.

5. Close of Annual General Meeting 2022

The AGM business was concluded at 7.50pm. Refreshments were then provided.

Public Meeting

1. Explanation, and introduction of Aultbea Hall Trustees

OSCR, the Scottish Charity Regulators, have been consulted as to how best to progress the constitutional changes that are required to effect the transfer of the assets of Aultbea Hall Trust to the new SCIO that has been registered. As required by the Deed of Trust, the new committee had, at its first meeting, to appoint officers for the committee and then fill the (minimum) three vacancies in the office of trustees. A committee meeting was therefore held during the refreshment interval, and the following appointments were made:

Officers:	Chairman	Andrew Townsend	Vice-chairman	Fiona Mackenzie
	Secretary	Pauline Butler	Treasurer	Martin Rowe.

Trustees: Pauline Butler; Fiona Mackenzie; Andrew Townsend.

2. Resolution

Having posted notices in accordance with the requirements of the Deed of Trust, the following resolution was put to the vote and passed unanimously:

The Hall Committee / Trustees have decided by a majority that it is necessary to dissolve the Trust and, in accordance with the said Trust Deed, to vote on the following proposal:

"That the Aultbea Community Hall Trust (established by Deed in December 1960) be dissolved and its assets be transferred to the Aultbea Hall [SCIO] SC051608, a new charitable organisation (established 23 February 2022) to retain the Hall and associated land in community ownership for the benefit of the inhabitants of Aultbea Community Council area."

3. Update on progress with plans for the future

i) Constitutional matters

Andy explained the constitutional stages required to implement the resolution. Once we have received confirmation from OSCR that the unincorporated Trust is now registered as a charitable trust the necessary legal steps will be taken to transfer the assets to Aultbea Hall [SCIO]. This may all take some months yet, but the intention is that the first AGM of the new organisation will be held in March 2023.

ii) Hall reopening

Given the grants now secured and the donations which have been received, most of the estimated costs for undertaking the Phase I work to repair and reopen the two-storey section of the building are funded and the work can now be progressed, which is very pleasing. The work has to be completed by the end of September to satisfy the conditions of the substantial Place-based Investment Programme grant awarded via Highland Council. Estimates have now been obtained for the material costs for repairing the steel supports in the main Hall, thanks to Jonathon Jury's expertise and efforts, so fund-raising for this and other aspects of Phase II of the project (repairs to the Main Hall) is now the priority.

iii) Events

Fee gave details of fund-raising events that are planned for the next few months:

- A raffle with 45 generous donated prizes, tickets £1 each, on sale now across the area and available from Martin, with the online draw scheduled for 30 September
- BBQ stall at Aultbea Area Together's Boom Beach Car Boot Sale on 30 April

- BBQ at the themed Jubilee flotilla and Pier Road Street Party on 3 June
 - Hallowe'en Dance in Poolewe Hall on 28 October.
- Posters and other advertising are being prepared, and helpers will be welcomed for each event.

iv) Grants

Pauline outlined some details of the grants which we had applied for successfully to date. The new external fence, together with the replacement Hall sign which will soon be installed, demonstrate how progress is being made. Further applications to potential external funders will be made once we are operating as a registered charity.

v) Finances

Martin confirmed that all outstanding bills have been paid and the financial situation would seem to be sound as we move forward with the project. We are extremely grateful for donations received to date and he encouraged the distribution and purchase of raffle tickets.

4. Any Other Business

- i) In response to a query, Fiona confirmed that 'glad rags' will be launched again for the Aultbea Area Together Boom Beach event.
- ii) Colin thanked the three trustees for all they were doing towards reopening Aultbea Hall.

There being no other business, the AGM and Public Meeting closed at 8.25pm.