



Minutes of 28 May 2019 Special General Meeting
Held in the Clubhouse at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28 May 2019.

1. Present and apologies for absence.

Present were:

Gavin Campsie, Helen Jenner, Richard Jenner, David Vincent, James Dargie, Janet Witheridge, Robin Witheridge, David Finlayson, David Cameron, Hanako Cameron, Richard Evans, Jack Evans, Sandra Hogg, George Hogg, Marisa Astill-Brown, Jeremy Astill-Brown, Donnie McLeod, Joan Maxwell, David Gibb, Steve Hill, Stuart Brown, Steve Bramwell, Helen Cherry, Richard Cherry, Tim McKeeggie, Roddy Henry, Calum Pearson.

Apologies for absence had been received from:

Helen Young, Laurence Gunner, Chrissie Lane, Pamela and David MacIntyre, Alan Hardie, Helen Robinson, Viv Hill, Trish McKeeggie.

2. To decide on the proposition:

That Chanonry Sailing Club applies to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on the basis of the draft Constitution that has been offered to members and, on the approval of this application, initiates the transfer of all club assets and undertakings to the SCIO leading to the dissolution of the current association.

The Commodore welcomed and thanked all present and introduced the proposition, giving some background information.

Some concerns were expressed by Club members. These and the replies are summarised below:

- a) That it was not appropriate in principle for the Club, as a Members' Club, to apply to be a Charity.
In reply it was pointed out that the decision as to whether charitable status was appropriate would be made by OSCR, the Scottish Charity regulator, not by the Club.
- b) With reference to the proposed SCIO Constitution, it was not appropriate for Board Members to be able to claim expenses for attending meetings.
In reply it was pointed out that this was broadly in accordance with the current Club Constitution para 53 which had been agreed by members on 20 November 2017.
- c) With reference to the proposed SCIO Constitution, it was not appropriate for officer bearers to have unlimited terms.
In reply it was pointed out that all trustees would be subject to annual re-election and except for the Commodore, this was in-line with the current constitution which did not state maximum periods for Club Officers.

- d) With reference to the proposed SCIO Constitution, the inclusion of “The advancement of the heritage of Fortrose harbour” was not appropriate as a purpose as the harbour was not essential to the operations of the Club as a sailing club.

In reply it was pointed out that the harbour is an essential facility for the Club members who have boats on the moorings and a highly valued facility for the running of dinghy sailing and training activities. In addition, the proposed charitable purpose did not refer to the maintenance of the fabric of the harbour, but to the advancement of its heritage, a purpose which would enhance the relationship of the Club with the local community and may also allow the club to obtain heritage grants for the Grade B listed structure which could improve the amenity for all.

The meeting then moved to a vote. The outcome of the vote was 25 votes in favour of the proposition and 2 votes against. The proposition being duly passed, the Commodore again thanked all present and informed the meeting that the Club Committee and SCIO working group would make an application to OSCR as proposed.

The meeting closed.