



Trustees' Annual Report

for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's report for the above mentioned period.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name:

Skye and Lochalsh Environment Form

Charity No:

40820

Address of Principal Office:

The Old Police Station, Isleornsay, Isle of Skye IV43 8QR

Current Trustees (elected on 13th July 2017):

Eileen Armstrong
David Ashford
Roger Cottis
Ellie MacLennan
James Merryweather
Mike Taylor

Trustees who served during the period:

Eileen Armstrong
David Ashford
Roger Cottis
Louise Love
James Merryweather
John Phillips
Mike Taylor

Structure Governance & Management

Constitution:

The Charity became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 4th September 2013. It is governed by its SCIO Constitution which was adopted on 18th November 2013.

Appointment of Trustees

The Board of Trustees, which normally meets at least thrice annually, consists of the charity's Trustees. Trustees are elected at the Annual Members' Meeting. Under the constitution, there must be a minimum of three and not more than nine elected Trustees. The Trustees may co-opt a further three Trustees if they consider it would be in the interests of the charity to do so. Membership of the Board is open to all Members of the charity.

Management:

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity, whilst day-to-day running is delegated to the Secretary.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable purposes:

To be a forum for members of the public and organisations in or associated with Skye and Lochalsh in order to promote and care for the landscape and biological diversity of natural and cultural habitats throughout for the benefit of present and future generations and to promote awareness, enjoyment, research, understanding and sustainable use of the Area's natural and cultural environment and biodiversity.

Activities:

There has been good progress with the Sleat Primary School regarding 'Annabel's Nature Project'. An '*Illustration & Words*' competition on the trees and flowers of Sleat during the summer term, a tree planting session, the making of wood turning trophies and the donation of books and posters were among the popular accomplishments.

The potential of instigating a public debate about contentious matters concerning crofters was explored. Although an invitation to local crofters was sent, their own planned meeting in September became a temporary substitute.

A successful Marine Communities Workshop organised by Fauna & Flora International was attended by some Trustees. Valuable links were forged with a variety of like-minded organisations, being known as the Coastal Communities Network Scotland www.communitiesforseas.scot.

Similarly SLEF was represented by Trustees at (a) Marine Harvest's open days regarding the proposed Marine Harvest fish farm feed factory facility at Kyleakin and (b) an event held by Scottish & Southern Electricity regarding their proposal to construct a power line from Edinbane to Fort Augustus.

Involvement of all Members in meetings of the Board of Trustees was discussed. It was agreed that they should be invited as soon as possible.

South Skye Seas Initiative www.southskyeseas.org.uk became affiliated to SLEF and a Coastal Communities funding application was made. It failed in October but a considerable amount of work continues to be undertaken to tackle fish farm contamination issues and to advance closed containment as a solution.

Approved by the Trustees on 13th December 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



James Merryweather
Chair