



AGM 2022

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Edinburgh Sutherland Association
held at 7pm on Thur 22th December - by Zoom call.**

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Rachel Haworth
David Mackay
Lynne O'Brien
Sandra and Stewart Chalmers
Hilary and Bob Mackay
Andy and Maureen Saunders
Morven Sutherland

Those present were:

Andrew Mackenzie
Steven Anderson
Willie and Anne Macintosh
David and Shonagh Morrison
Lorraine Smith
Christine Smith

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The Minutes of the last AGM had been circulated prior to and at the meeting. Andrew Mackenzie, President, asked for concerns and questions – none were raised. The Minutes were duly proposed by Andrew, seconded by William.

3. ESA AGM 2022 President's Remarks

Andrew Mackenzie said:

ESA AGM 2022 President's Remarks

"We had another excellent annual ceilidh in Loanhead this year. We said farewell to the Dave Husband Band, as Dave retired after our ceilidh. Neil John MacPhail piped for us, and we enjoyed songs from our Patron, David Morrison.

We also held a lovely Christmas dinner earlier in December, with 21 guests enjoying a pleasant evening at the Apex Hotel on Waterloo Place.

We agreed to donate over £4,000 to good causes in Sutherland. The successful applicants were:

- Community Care Assynt – New sign for wellbeing centre (£320)
- Dornoch Historylinks – Support for Young Curators Club (£250)
- Lewis Duncan, Brora - Support for his downhill mountain biking competition expenses (£500)
- East Sutherland Canoe Club – Support with IT/laptop costs (£200)
- Go Golspie - Accessible Eco Picnic Bench (£617)
- Helmsdale & District Community Association - PlaySPACE information board (£500)
- Joan Mackay's Cancer Survivors Group, Bettyhill – Therapy and travel costs (£444)
- Lairg & District Learning Centre - Ar Sgeul/Our Story storyboard (£250)
- Lochinver Primary School Parent Council – Support for new playground equipment (£500)
- Rosehall Primary School Parent Council – Support for fruit and vegetable club (£300)
- Sutherland Care Forum - Food box for Golspie (£250)

I am delighted we are again able to support good causes in the county and particularly pleased on the range of applicants this year, which allow us to donate to the west, north and east coast, as well as central Sutherland.

This latest donation means that in 12 years we have raised and donated over £27,000. We understand the importance of the support we have been able to provide to groups and individuals in Sutherland and want to thank everyone who has assisted with events and fundraising to date.

I will take this opportunity to thank all the committee, and particularly Anne and Steven, for their hard work over the year."

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

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Treasurer's Report

At the end of April 2022 we had a balance of £6952.23 in the current account and £3020.82 in the NS & I, making a total of £9973.05.

The balance at present 22/12/2022, in the Current Account £4296.28 and the national savings £3020.82 making a total of £7317.10.

Our Fund Raising income came from:

Croft Ceilidh	£1121.65 less expenses of £742.67	surplus of £378.98
Christmas dinner	£742.00 less £594.00	Surplus of £148.00
Evening with Craig Mackay	£348.43	
Robbie's NC500 cycle	£4124.78	
Total surplus	£5000.19	

We received donations of £450.00. £100 from David Paterson, £150.00 from Mr & Mrs Mackenzie and £200 from Sandra and Stewart.

Other Income total £899.69 came from Amazon Smil £38.98 + Facebook £110.71 + £750.00 HMRC Charities.

We made £2500.00 charitable donations

5. DONATIONS

Please refer to ESA - Committee Meeting - June 2022– Minutes for details of the awards made in Summer 2022.

6. FUNCTIONS 2021/22

Please refer to section 3. Presidents Remarks.

The coming year –

- ceilidh date for Loanhead – March 10th 2023 – need to book a band
- Sutherland ceilidh – look at that again Andrew/ Steven. May or June.? TBC
- David Mackay – sponsored event - peaks challenge! TBC

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

It was agreed that the following would remain in their current positions:

President – Andrew Mackenzie
Vice-President – Willie Macintosh
Treasurer – Anne Macintosh
Secretary – Steven Anderson

Committee Members:

Rachel Haworth, Christine Smith and Lorraine Smith, Morven Sutherland opted to remain on the committee. It was noted that Gordon Black would remain as Honorary Auditor. Sandra Chalmers remains the Honorary President. David Mackay was absent but remains on the committee.

8. AOCB

Caithness Association folded – could build on this?

Online events – have one in coming year perhaps?

Andrew – has spoken to Julie Fowlis/ Fiona Kennedy as potential.

Andrew Mackenzie thanked everyone for attending and brought the meeting to a close.

Close of meeting