

Highland LGBT Forum Annual General Meeting 2020
4 August 2020 19:00-21:00
Online Via Zoom

Committee Attending:	Alan Gulliver Angie Wood Chloe Denerley Graham Laughton	Jess Taylor (Chair) Laura Wilson Rosemary Roscrow Samantha Wilson-Wood	Sand Owsnett Tim Schroder (Minutes)
Others Attending:	Claire Gary	Peter Simon	

Agenda Item	Notes
1	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess opened the meeting. • It was agreed that the meeting would be recorded to help with taking the minutes. • Participants introduced themselves.
2	<p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no apologies.
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no changes to the AGM 2019 minutes.
4	<p>Actions and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To send a newsletter to the mailing list with an option to remain or delete. ACTION CLOSED • Kay Percy to lead subgroup for updating the constitution. ACTION CLOSED • Kay Percy to lead subgroups for drafting alternative names for the charity. ACTION CLOSED
5	<p>Annual Report and Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess gave the Chair's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the last year, progress has been made on working towards dissolving the <i>Highland LGBT Forum</i> and moving to the new <i>Highland Pride</i> charity. ○ Past committee members Andrea McGhee, Daibhidh Harrison and Kay Percy were thanked for their support, with a special mention to Tony Carter who was part of the charity since its inception and with special thanks to past chairs Rosemary Roscrow and Sand Owsnett. ○ Highlights of the year include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer Proud Ness 2019 with over 10,000 in attendance, making it the largest pride march in Scotland that year and one of the largest pride events. ▪ Sunday Socials held in Inverness, as well as in Thurso and Wick. ▪ A stand at the Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival, resulting in lots of new additions to our mailing list. ▪ Stands at the UHI Freshers' Fayre events in Inverness, Skye and Thurso. ▪ Changing our name to <i>Highland Pride</i>, with new branding and the merging of our social media accounts. ▪ Angie Wood and Samantha Wilson-Wood co-opted onto the committee. ▪ Winter Pride during LGBT History Month in February 2020 with over 20 events, including exhibitions, talks, workshops, book readings, music performances and more. ▪ The Summer 2020 pride event had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so a number of <i>Facebook Live</i> online events were held during Pride Month in June 2020.

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<p>6</p>	<p>Election of Honorary Officers and Management Committee</p> <p>The following roles were proposed and seconded unopposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Jess Taylor • Vice Chair: Angie Wood • Secretary (Joint Interim): Graham Laughton, Tim Schroder • Treasurer: Alan Gulliver • Other Committee Members: Chloe Denerley, Laura Wilson, Rosemary Roscrow • Co-Opted Committee Members: Samantha Wilson-Wood, Sand Owsnett
<p>7</p>	<p>Motions</p> <p>The following motion was proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dissolution of the Highland LGBT Forum charity (Unincorporated Association - Charity No: SC039528) and the transfer of all its assets to the new Highland Pride charity (SCIO - Charity No: SC050189). <p>The motion was passed unanimously by the Committee.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee formally thanked Robyn Dylan-Whyte, Melody Legge, Rachel Ross and all the other volunteers that helped with Proud Ness 2019 and Winter Pride 2020. • Jess will be having a meeting with Gerry Reynolds to get his advice on approaching <i>High Life Highland</i> to book the Northern Meeting Park for Summer 2021. • Winter Pride will not be held in February 2021, but we may run some events as part of LGBT History Month. • The committee needs to think about the roles that are missing and then have a more informal catch-up with people thinking of volunteering to see how they might be able to help. • Alan explained the steps involved in moving over to the new charity: Last year's accounts are due to be finalised, then they will be independently audited and the accounts will be submitted to OSCR. We can then apply to OSCR to wind up the

<p>8(continued)</p>	<p>charity and, once permission has been given, we can transfer the assets over to Highland Pride. We will have to get permission from <i>Awards for All</i> to transfer the £10,000. The AGM minutes will be required as proof of voting on the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The charity has achieved a huge amount in the past year. Jess was congratulated for the part she has played in this. • Ideas for online events were invited. <p>ACTION: Alan to submit the 2019/20 accounts to OSCR.</p> <p>ACTION: Tim to produce AGM 2020 minutes for submission to OSCR.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Meeting Closed</p> <p>The meeting closed at 19:55.</p>