



Delegate Meeting Sun 27th September 2020

Zoom

Meeting chair: Peadar Morgan
Meeting minutes: Lorraine Carson
Network secretary: Alison Fraser

SEDERUNT – 19 present, 11 member groups

Caithness: Patsy Sinclair, Keith Bramhall
Forres: Jim Farquharson
Grassroots Oban: Ruth Barratt
InverYess: Alastair Macdonald, Alison Fraser, Irene Stacey
Lochaber Aye2Aye: Jim Ramsay, Kay Watson
Loch Yes: Marjorie Wilson
Moray: Colin Watson, Douglas Reid
Nairn: Iain Bruce
Ross Sutherland: Anne Searles, Lorraine Carson, Peadar Morgan
Skye & Lochalsh: Carole Inglis
Speyside Glenlivet: Sheila Wiseman, Danny Watson
Guest group - **Marchmont & Morningside:** Leah Gunn Barrett

GROUP APOLOGIES

- NW Lochaber for Indy

MINUTES 5 Sep. 2020

- Approved on the proposal of Alastair, seconded by Jim Farquarson.

OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

- Grassroots Oban banners - have spoken to BfS, they are keen to work on banners when they are up and running.

NETWORK ACTION

- Ruth has been in contact with Aye Fyne, Alison will follow up.
- Ian Blackford has agreed to another meeting, 2nd October 2pm.

STRUCTURE WORKING GROUP

- There will be 4 options for a set of principles for YH&I, including an option to reject all. A majority decision from groups will decide which will be taken forward.
- Patsy has drawn up a timeline of independence to go out to groups.

LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

- Douglas has offered accommodation in Elgin.
- Inverness have organised support/accommodation from Inverness to Elgin.

BELIEVE IN SCOTLAND

- Introduction was very good.
- No political message but lots on how to reach those who might change their minds on independence.
- Encouraging that mainstream papers might come onboard (poss even 3 or 4).
- Pitch to become designated campaign body.
- Keith Brown was disappointing, contradicted himself and didn't inspire engagement

UPDATE REPORTS

Sottish Independence Convention

REPORT FROM YH&I DELEGATE – Alastair

- Voices for Scotland are focusing on no voters.
- Short of money, planning a fundraiser.
- SIC position statement - it was agreed this should not be signed before groups could read it.

Word from guest groups - Marchmont & Morningside

- Building network with other Edinburgh groups.
- Letter writing groups - being published in mainstream papers.
- Bike ride, carrying banners for Yes for EU.

Caithness: led by Patsy

- Planning to hold an online raffle.
- Write letters to local papers.

Moray: led by Colin

- Flags over bridges in Elgin.

Grassroots Oban: led by Ruth

- Monthly guest meeting on the development of a constitution.
- Independence eye spy book for children.

InverYess: led by Alison

- Zoom meeting with Graeme McCormick on 5th October 7pm.
- Held a banner day.

Lochaber Aye2Aye: led by Jim

- Held a flags and banners event.
- Have been in contact with Yes Clydebank; would like to invite them to next YH&I meeting.

LochYes: led by Marjorie

- Nothing to report.

Nairn: led by Iain

- Nothing to report.

Ross Sutherland: led by Anne

- Upcoming AGM, and seeking to increase membership of the admin team.
- Collections for local foodbanks, and litter picking wearing Yes vests.

Skye & Lochalsh: led by Carole

- Talk with Kenny MacAskill on 8th October.
- Eloise age 6 Independence calendar.

AOCB

We are aware of Covid 19 cases in UHI and other local colleges.

NEXT MEETING

Zoom - Saturday 17th October 2020 10am.

Marjorie to chair, Carole to take notes.