



## Delegate meeting (Zoom) Saturday 7 November 2020

Chair: Alastair Macdonald, InverYess

Minutes: Alison Fraser InverYess

Secretary: Alison Fraser, InverYess

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**SEDERUNT** – 21 present, 14 groups present

**Aye 2 Aye:** Kay Watson

**Caithness :** Patsy Sinclair, Ian Sinclair

**Forres :** Jim Farquharson

**Oban :** Ruth Barratt, Gordon Wood

**InverYess :** Alison Fraser, Irene Stacey

**Nairn :** Iain Bruce

**NW Lochaber:** Ruth Reavell

**Loch Yes :** Fiona MacKinnon, Malcolm Morrison

**Moray/Elgin :** Colin Watson, Doug Reid

**Ross Sutherland :** Anne Searles, Lisa Simpson

**Skye & Lochalsh :** Carole Inglis, Lisa Hill

**Badenoch and Strathspey:** Amanda Frazer

**Orkney:** Ian Corse

**YHI SIC Rep:** Alastair Macdonald

### 1. Welcome

a) Apologies

Outer Isles for Independence

Aye Fyne

b) Matters for AOCB

(a) Land issue on Skye Iain Bruce

(b) Proforma letter to SNP Alastair Macdonald

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

a) Proposed by Ruth Barratt, seconded by Douglas Reid

b) Matters arising

\*YH&I events calendar . This is up and running on gmail but not being used much. Aye2Aye needs more publicity about their organized talks. There was a call for a skills register to be set up within the network. **Ruth to action.** YH&I facebook page to be resurrected. **Carole to action**

\* zoom with Maree Todd. Maree concerned about supply of pharmaceuticals post Brexit.

\*Business for Scotland. Notes on BfS still to be circulated. **Alison to action**

\* SIC report. YH&I rep Alastair felt spending on a zoom Xmas party was not a good use of their/our money

### 3. Regional Networks Linkup - Alison

Two inaugural meetings plus one full zoom have been held with Yes groups and networks across Scotland. The aim is to get groups to form Yes networks in local areas and for those networks to be able to talk to one another in their Electoral Regions which can then communicate with each other.

AUOB seems to have had a similar idea but more structured. The regional Networks group (not yet with a name) intends to go ahead with their initiative but to let other groups such as AUOB, BfS, NYR and SIC know of their plan and to cooperate with them if and when the grassroots feel it is appropriate.

#### **4. Internal Market Bill - Iain**

Iain was not happy with the direction of the group formed to look at what should be done with the IMB. Too much focus on the cost of leaflets and where the money might come from. Ruth got an email from Mike Russell after the Grassroots zoom with Drew Hendry on IMB. Mike felt he should have been invited too. **Carol and Alison to action** on letter to Mike.

YH&I to go ahead with making and printing bumper stickers publicizing the dangers IMB poses to devolution. Discussion on flying pickets and how to dispense leaflets.  
Jim's How to run a Covid Stall to be attached.

**Ideas for graphics on stickers to be sent to Alison. Iain, Lisa, Ruth and Carole to form an IMB group. Malcolm to get in touch with the press. Kay to find out if BfS are doing anything about this. Orkney Ian to contact the local press**

#### **5. Preparations for Brexit - Alastair**

Alastair and Malcolm warned of the dangers of pharmaceuticals being in short supply post Brexit, many of which come from abroad. Alastair said we should be stocking up on them as well as some nonperishable foods.

#### **6. AUOB and the Yes community**

This was covered under 3. Regional Networks Linkup

#### **7. The Case for a Scottish Currency - Andrew Fraser**

Andrew gave a 10 minute talk on the need for a Scottish currency immediately after Independence and the reasons why sterlingisation and the Growth Commission ideas will not mean we are truly independent. See attachment

It was suggested that we should arrange a zoom with Kate Forbes so that Andrew and our group could put our concerns to her. **Carole to Action**

#### **8. Group Reports**

There was no time left for group reports but any groups can send information via the YH&I email address or by Whatsapp and it will be distributed throughout the network.

#### **9. AOCB**

a) Iain said Lesley Riddoch had flagged up the issue of lack of affordable land and accommodation for young folk on Skye. Iain got the backing of the meeting to go ahead and try to do something about this.

b) Alastair as a representative of InverYess, said that the group had drafted two proforma letters to be sent to SNP MSP's, MP's and the SNP hierarchy complaining about the ignoring of the membership branch motions put forward for the conference. As many SNP members and non members as possible should use those to voice their concerns. See attachments

#### **10. Next Meeting and organizing group**

**Saturday 5 December 2020** at 10am

Ruth Barratt to convene, Ian Sinclair to minute