

YES Highland na Gàidhealtachd

Delegate Meeting
Sat. 16 June 2018

InverYESs Hub
Inverness

SEDERUNT – 13 delegates

Forres: *apology*

InverYESs: Alan Findlay, Alison Fraser, Dave Thompson, Morgan Cowley, Stuart MacDonald

Loch Yes: Malcolm Morrison, Marjorie Wilson

Lochaber: *apology*

Nairn: *apology*

Ross & Sutherland: Anne Searles, Graham Bell, Lorraine Carson, Peadar Morgan

Skye & Lochalsh: Carole Inglis, Hector MacLeod

Meeting co-chairs: Carole & Graham **Network secretary:** Alison **Meeting minutes:** Peadar

MINUTES 14 April 2018

Approved on the proposal of Marjorie, seconded by Anne.

- There was nothing to report on the crowdfunder or Yes Highland brand.
- Policy on data protection was now in place.

GROUP REPORTS

Inverness report – led by Morgan

- Series of talks by national figures, including two former first ministers (AS & HMCL).
- Weekly discussion of Common Weal *New Country* & Growth Commission reports.
- Discussion group featured on ITV news.
- Seeking to establish a local Common Weal group.

Loch Ness report – led by Marjorie

- IndyApp training in Inverness attended.
- Considering a stall at Drum Games 25 Aug, though previously kept non-political.

Ross & Sutherland report – led by Lorraine

- Power grab leaflet distributed in much of Ross-shire.
- Bus-load to the AUOB Glasgow march; bus organised for Edinburgh march, 6 Oct.
- Nine members involved in the national Yes Gathering in Stirling.
- IndyApp training in Inverness attended, and further developing the Canvass App.
- At least three signing-up for the Business for Scotland (BfS) ambassador programme.
- Preparing for a repeat stall at the Black Isle Show.

Skye & Lochalsh report – led by Carole

- Strategy planning via mind-mapping exercise to be held on 30 June.
- Stall against the power grab to be held on 21 June.
- At least one, probably two, members signed-up for the BfS ambassador programme.
- Intending to play host to the Ross & Sutherland mobile hub.

WHATSAPP DELEGATE GROUP – led by Alison

- For between meetings, a management group to be established on WhatsApp.
- For general distribution of info, email with hidden BCC addresses is to be used.

Agreed: **All groups to submit names of two WhatsApp representatives to Alison.**

BUSINESS FOR SCOTLAND AMBASSADOR TRAINING – led by Alison & Dave

- Aiming for 1,000+ ambassadors by year end to enable informed promotion.
- Training meeting around Scotland, including Inverness (21 Oct) & Aviemore.
- £5 per month and closed website to encourage sign-up for active participation.

Agreed: **Invite Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp (BfS) for a week-long tour of the Highlands.**

Agreed: **Seek an increase in registration for postal voting among supporters.**

SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE CONVENTION – led by Dave

- Yes Highland is now a formal member of SIC.
- SIC is now focussing on developing a national constitution.
- To relaunch with an agreed draft constitution as a memorandum of understanding.
- A secure legal separation between groups for campaign costs is being investigated.

GROWTH COMMISSION REPORT – led by Morgan

- InverYESs & Common Weal members have conducted a wide canvass of opinions.
- Formal participation in the SNP's follow-up national assemblies was being sought.

Agreed: **All groups to seek representation in the assembly series for two representatives each.**

YES GATHERING – led by Lorraine

- About 120 Yes groups and over 350 delegates were present in Stirling, 27 May.
- 21 subjects were discussed in work groups; voting on 5 to have standing committees.

Agreed: **Yes Ross & Sutherland to circulate its summary notes to all Yes Highland groups.**

INDYAPP – led by Alison

- Release of IndyApp 2.0 has been delayed.

Agreed: **Alison & Stuart to continue exploration of the potential for Yes Highland of IndyApp.**

AUOB INVERNESS MARCH – led by Graham

- The march will end with a Yes rally, at which many were offering to speak.
- InverYESs were offering bed/floor accommodation.

AOCB

- Lorraine is in contact with bands, & suggested a Yes music festival.
- Anne has spoken to Mike Russell MSP about an Inverness open meeting after Oct.

NEXT MEETING

Agreed: **Hub 10.30am Sat. 18 Aug, chaired by Carole; 10.00am IndyApp & WhatsApp training.**