



**Delegate Meeting
Sat. 20 Apr. 2019**

**InverYess Hub
Inverness**

Meeting chair: Carole
Meeting minutes: Peadar
Network secretary: Alison

SEDERUNT – 18 present, 15 delegate places, 7 member groups

Badenoch & Strathspey: —

Caithness: Ian Sinclair, Mary Sinclair

Elgin: —

Forres: Jim Farquharson

InverYess: Alastair Macdonald, Alison Fraser, Anna Golitzin, Dave Thompson, Irene Stacey, Stuart Macdonald

InverYess Common Weal: —

Loch Yes: Marjorie Wilson

Lochaber Aye2Aye: Iain MacEchern, Sharon Trish

Nairn: *apology*

Ross & Sutherland: Anne Searles, Ian Vallely, Peadar Morgan

Skye & Lochalsh: Carole Inglis, Hector MacLeod

Grassroots Oban: *Ruth Barratt (guest)*

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Approved on the proposal of Alison, seconded by Ian Vallely.

- WhatsApp – Ian Vallely will provide direct advice on request.
- IndyApp – has yet to receive sufficient take-up, but a new upgrade is being worked on; it was suggested that SIC take on the role of collating contact addresses for all Yes groups.
- YH Day of Action – no-one volunteered to coordinate; time of Euro Election was suggested.
- Marches – seats on the second bus to Glasgow are still available through yrs.scot.

GROUP REPORTS

Caithness: Led by Ian

- Cèilidh to be held 2–5pm 12 May, Nethercliffe Hotel, Wick; money raised to food bank.
- Lesley Riddoch, seeking 150 audience, 7pm 23 May, PPP, Wick, free through Eventbrite.

Forres: Led by Jim

- Gazebo shared with local SNP, alternating between the two.
- Small activist numbers present a challenge.

InverYess: Led by Irene

- Day of Action with distribution of the *National* through doors & on High St.
- Talk by Graham McCormick on annual ground rent proposals; presentation is on YouTube.

Lochaber Aye2Aye: Led by Iain

- Hub now opening longer in the day and in the week.
- Meeting held in Mallaig with unexpectedly good turnout.

Loch Yes: Led by Marjorie

- Leaflets being distributed.
- Active online presence.

Ross Sutherland YRS: Led by Peadar

- Day of Action with four teams out, and recommencement of evening leafleting.
- Online presence raised with streaming of events, nightly IndyLive quiz & IndyLive interview.

Skye & Lochalsh: Led by Carole

- Outreach with paid *Skye & Lochalsh Echo* article; field posters under consideration.
- Five sub-groups established.

Grassroots Oban: Led by Ruth

- Hub to be established sharing premises with a new shop.
- Preparing for AUOB march in Oban; to be massed boats in the harbour & evening cèilidh.

SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE CONVENTION (SIC)

Led by Alastair (Yes Highland representative) & Dave (vice-chair SIC council, chair SIC Ltd board)

- SIC council and board now meet month about.
- The new name, to be launched on 25th April, has been tested on soft Nos in regional centres, and will include flexibility for local versions; language, Saltire, Yes issues avoided.
- As an umbrella structure it includes interest & sectoral & now increasingly regional reps.
- The island groups are likely to be treated separately rather than under Yes Highland.
- The website will include links for accessing resources.
- No director has drawn a salary or, as yet, any expenses; five salaried posts will be funded.

Action: Write to SIC **immediately** urging a presence at agricultural shows & Highland games.

SAVE OUR SCOTTISH NHS – led by Alison

- Garioch Women for Change are campaigning on defence of the SNHS.
- English NHS is still free at point of contact, but many buy-in services are privatised.
- Brexit encouraging privatisation in England will reduce Barnett consequentials for Scotland.
- Brexit power grab is a danger to the Scottish procurement of medicines.

Action: Keep Yes Highland updated on developments, possibly including Highland-based training.

WEBSITE – led by Ian Vallely

- yeshighland.yrs.scot gives brief profiles & links for each group, and could be expanded.
- Streaming of Alan Bissett talk received 2,000+ hits; streaming archived on YRS YouTube.

MILLION REASONS FOR INDEPENDENCE – led by Carole

- Grassroots are giving a reason in their own handwritten words for distribution as photos.
- Distribution through all social media channels, including celeb accounts, by hard copy and by outdoor projection.
- All photos are archived.
- Started with budget of £500, half from Yes Skye & Lochalsh.
- Willing to attend meetings of other groups; website www.amillionreasons.scot.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- Important to promote European & youth registration for Euro Elections.

Action: Distribute election registration forms, including to UHI institutions & to hotel staff boards.

- Stennis Historical Soc. have updated the Hanoverian garrison map to include the Hebrides.

Action: Provide letter address for each group & for local libraries to Alastair, for map distribution.

NEXT MEETING

- No groups other than Ross Sutherland and Skye & Lochalsh volunteered to chair meetings.

Action: Next meeting, 10.30am, **22 June** 2019, Peadar to chair.