



AGM 2021
Chair's Report

Headlines

- Supporting communities through Covid
- Tackling the tourism challenge
- Producing a strategy for a more self-sustainable Black Isle
- Strengthening the democratic process

Covid Response

- Anchor organisation in receipt of Supporting Communities Funding
- Regular Zoom meetings with up to 27 participants – CC's, Community Organisations, THC officers and elected councillors
- Recruiting a Community Resilience Co-Ordinator
- Producing regular newsletters and other methods of disseminating information far and wide

Equitable distribution of funds

- Food and meals service - Black Isle Cares, Avoch Sea Scouts and Cromarty Care Project
- Supporting provision of community larders/sharing sheds in North Kessock, Munlochy, Avoch, Fortrose, Rosemarkie, Cromarty, Culbokie
- Supporting families with Back to School grants

Covid Recovery

- Employment – Kickstart scheme
- Local Food initiative
- Better communications – branding
- Wellbeing week – developing a robust local support network

Tourism



Venture Safely campaign

Munlochy Junction / A9



Black Isle Partnership



THE BLACK ISLE



savour the unexpected

Please . . .



Support local business



Respect local needs



Stay apart



Keep connected

www.black-isle.info/coronavirus

Grant-aided by the Supporting Communities Fund distributed by Highlands & Islands Enterprise

Strategy for a Self-reliant Black Isle

Survey

Steering group

Draft Consultation and adoption

Delivery



Q1. List up to three things that you think have demonstrated how the Black Isle is/can be a resilient community.



Q2. List up to three things that you think have highlighted how the Black Isle could do things better.

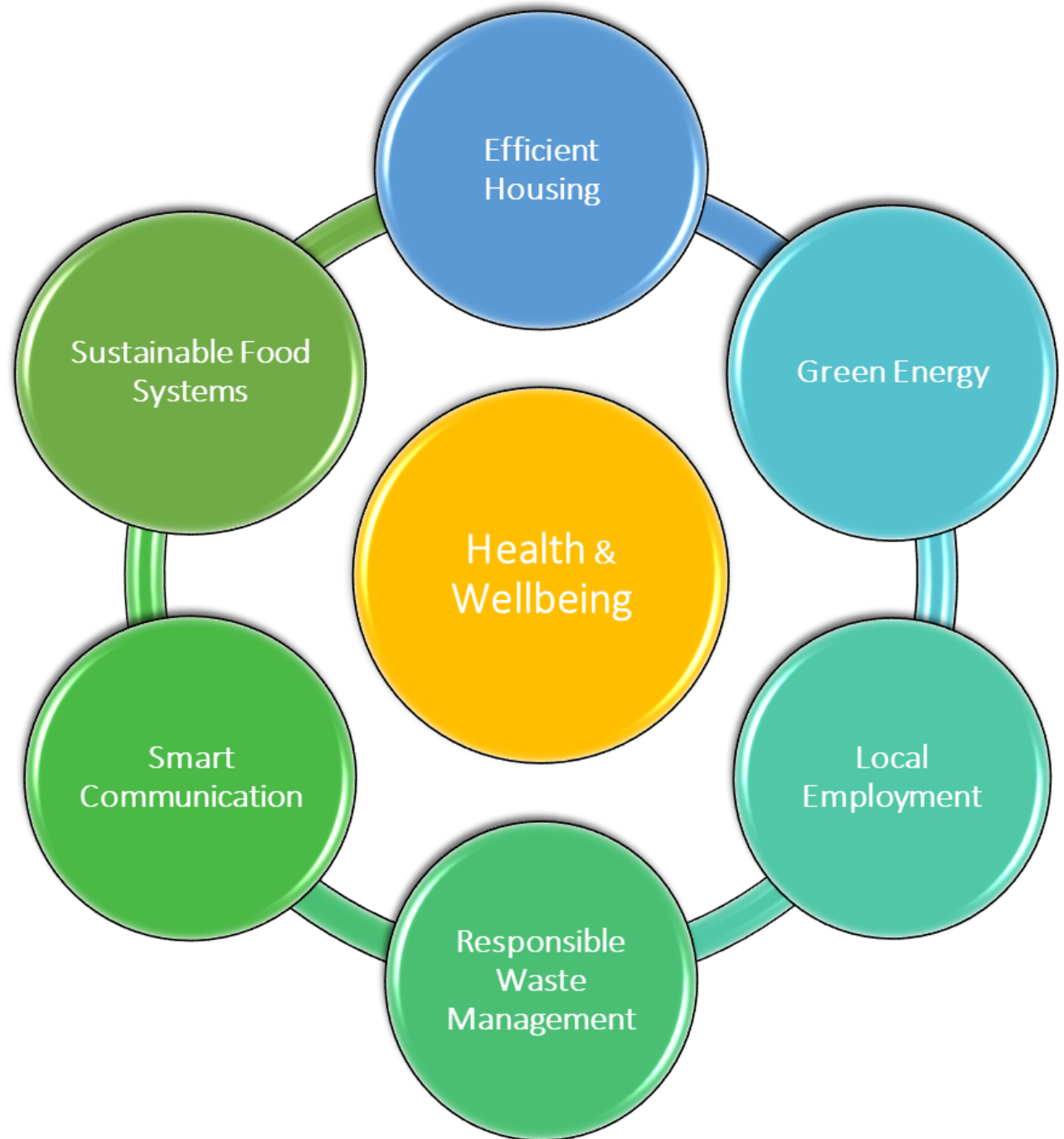


Q3. If you could change one thing about the way things are currently organised, that would be a fundamental improvement to people's lives on the Black Isle, what would it be?



Q4. What do you see as the biggest obstacle to helping the Black Isle become more resilient?

The Model



The Strategy

- Positive health and mental wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do – befriending projects, mental health support networks, informal training/activities, social networking, arts/crafts/hobbies, events.
- Housing caters for the demands of existing and potential residents and conforms to the highest carbon neutral standards – affordable housing, refurbishment to reduce carbon emissions, planning for new builds, legislation on second homes, priority for young people/first-time buyers, rentals for residents.
- A high percentage of our food is grown, produced and distributed locally, reducing food miles and food waste – expanding local markets, community orchards/growing schemes, support for local producers, supplying community larders.

The Strategy

- Energy requirements are provided locally through renewable sources – community woodland (buy-outs), renewable energy schemes (wind turbines, tidal and solar).
- Employment is focused on providing quality products and services with a high proportion of earnings spent locally (circular economy) – re-training/diversifying business, encouraging new business/entrepreneurs, job creation, job-share, apprenticeships, re-defining tourism (review tourism strategy), a credit union, financial support schemes and incentives.
- Waste is kept to a minimum through reducing, re-cycling and re-distributing – addressing litter issues, a re-cycling centre based on the Black Isle, community composting schemes, up-cycling workshops, thrift shops, swap schemes, tool hire.

The Strategy

Smart Communication

- Residents are able to travel within the area in a safe and sustainable manner and the infrastructure is fit for purpose – better roads and traffic management, reduced speed limits, improved public transport, cycle-paths and walking trails, community car-share schemes
- Improved broadband/mobile connectivity in blank spots.
- A one-stop-shop news outlet for ‘intelligent’ information – a regular and accessible newsletter, explore potential of community broadcasting

Delivery

The clue is in the name!

We are a Partnership.

Our role is to facilitate, enable, empower.

We can play different roles depending on the demands of different projects – advocate, lobbyist, instigator.

‘Fostering Local Collaboration’



Finally

A massive...

THANK YOU

for the hundreds of hours
of volunteer time



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Treasurer's Report

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Financial Report

- Last AGM 18 months ago. Reporting now Two Financial Years.
 - 1 November 2018 to 31 October 2019 and
 - 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020.
- Two specific areas of interest.
 - Tourism over the whole period
 - Community Anchor Organisation since April 2020.
- I will cover each Financial Year in turn.
 - The first has been independently assessed by the accountants Frame Kennedy of Inverness and submitted to Companies House and reported to HMRC.
 - The second FY is in the process of independent examination with Frame Kennedy

Financial Report 1/11/2018 - 31/10/2019

• Tourism Income		
• Subscriptions to Black Isle Tourism Team	£1440.00	
		£1440.00
• Tourism Expenditure		
• Black Isle Visitor Maps	£989.00	
• Events for members	£347.10	
• Strategy Printing	£180.36	
• Audit, Accountancy and Tax	£582.27	
• Other expenditure	£121.36	
		£2220.09
• Bank reconciliation		
• Assets 1/11/2018	£5310.54	
• Assets 31/10/2019	£4530.45	
• Increase in assets		-£780.09
• Excess of income over expenditure		-£780.09

Financial Report 1/11/2019 - 31/10/2020

- Tourism Income

• Subscriptions to Black Isle Tourism Team	£640.00	
• Grant from Highland Council	£2423.30	
		£3063.30

- Tourism Expenditure

• Black Isle Visitor Maps Printing	£1095.00	
• Events for members	£356.00	
• Affiliation to Scottish Tourism Alliance	£220.00	
		£1671.00

• Excess of income over expenditure		£1392.30
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Financial Report 1/11/2019 - 31/10/2020

• Community Anchor Organisation Income		
• Highlands and Islands Enterprise	£42,503.00	
• Highland Council	£7335.00	
		£49,838.00
• Community Anchor Organisation Expenditure		
• Community Council set up for Covid	£1500.00	
• Food Delivery	£2000.00	
• Back to School	£13,700.00	
• Community Larders	£14,224.28	
• Venture Safely Campaign	£1244.00	
• Other Care Projects	£9274.96	
• Contractor Pay	£6995.00	
		£48,938.24
• Excess of income over expenditure		£899.76

Financial Report 1/11/2019 - 31/10/2020

• Profit for Tourism	£1392.30	
• Profit for Community Anchor Organisation	£899.76	
Profit 1/11/19 – 31/10/20		£2292.06
• Bank reconciliation		
• Assets 1/11/2019	£4530.45	
• Assets 31/10/2020	£6822.51	
• Increase in assets 1/11/19 – 31/10/20		£2292.06



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