

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: LOCHABER AREA COMMITTEE

Date: 30 August 2018

Report Title: Homologation of the appointment of Trustees to the An Aird Trust

Report By: Head of Policy and Reform

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report seeks homologation of the appointment of Councillor Andrew Baxter and Councillor Blair Allan to the An Aird Trust.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- i. homologate the appointment of Councillor Andrew Baxter and Councillor Blair Allan to the An Aird Trust.

3 Information

- 3.1 The An Aird Trust was established in 1994 to manage a fund deposited by Morrison Developments Limited as part of the commercial development of An Aird.

The two parties to the Trust Deed were Lochaber District Council (owners of the ground) and Morrison Developments Limited (principal tenant).

- 3.2 The Trust Deed sets out the Purposes of the Trust as well as the appointment of Trustees. The primary purpose of the Trust is (as a fund of last resort) to provide funding for capital improvements or structural alterations to the Multi-Purpose Hall (now known as the Nevis Centre).

With regard to the appointment of Trustees, two Trustees are required from the local authority, at that time specified as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Lochaber District Council. In 2015 Councillors Thomas MacLennan and Brian Murphy were appointed.

The other Trustees (Directors of Linnhe Leisure who operate the Centre) asked that new Council Trustees be appointed to allow early discussion to take place on future use of the Trust funds.

The present level of funding available to the Trust is £35,000

4. Implications

- 4.1** There are no Resource, Legal, Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural); Climate Change/Carbon Clever; or Risk implications.

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Background Papers: None