



AGM 2022

(Retiring) Chair's Report

May '21 – '22

Evolution

- Communities re-emerging from lockdown and the pandemic
- Black Isle becoming an ever more popular visitor destination and coping with demands
- A THC Area Committee for the Black Isle and what it means

Moving on from Covid

- HIE Funds diverted to support Black Isle Cares Befriending scheme
 - pilot project launched in 2021 with ten 'pairings' established
 - update required to see how things have developed since
 - thanks to Megan Mackenzie at BIC for the admin.

Moving on from Covid

- Think Health Think Nature Summer Festival
 - 'first of its kind' pan-Black Isle event with activities taking place in all settlements over the course of a single weekend
 - a model for future events with a single theme
 - thanks to Helena Macleod and Becky Richmond for the funding bid and pulling it all together

Responding to tourism challenges

- Visitor Pledge – a practical prompt for responsible tourism
 - input from BITT members at the 2021 Spring Networking event
 - still plenty of leaflets available for this year
 - thanks to Rose Grant for work on the graphics and distribution of print

Responding to tourism challenges

- Addressing issues at Chanonry Point
 - impressing on THC the urgency of the situation and need for speedy action
 - Chanonry Point Action Group established
 - thanks to Becky Richmond for all the communications with THC, and Sarah Macdonald-Taylor for qualitative and quantitative data to support the arguments

Black Isle Area Committee

- Supporting Cllr Gordon Adam in establishing a representative structure
- Presentation to the inaugural meeting suggesting a strategic approach to long-term planning
- Application to Rural Communities Into Action fund for facilitating a structural process

Black Isle Place Plan

- Successful bid to THC Covid Recovery Funds
- Appointment of Project Co-ordinator



Thank You and Farewell

Special thanks to Gordon Adam and Julian Paren for becoming directors in 2018, when BIP was in danger of folding.



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Treasurer'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

Financial Report

At the last May 2021 AGM, I detailed the accounts of FY 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020 and presented the audited accounts of FY 2018-2019 as prepared by Frame Kennedy

This AGM I give detailed accounts of FY 1 November 2020 continuing to 1 June 2022 and table the audited accounts of FY 2019-2020 as prepared by Frame Kennedy

Accounts for FY 1 November 2020 to October 31 2021 are with Frame Kennedy for independent examination

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

BITT Tourism Income	£3063.30	
BITT Tourism Expenditure	£1671.00	
Excess of income over expenditure		£1392.30
Community Anchor Organisation Income	£49,838.00	
Community Anchor Organisation Expenditure	£48,938.24	
Excess of income over expenditure		£899.76
Profit 1/11/19 – 31/10/20		£2292.06

Financial Report 1/11/2020 - 1/06/2022

BITT Tourism Income

Subscriptions to Black Isle Tourism Team	£560.00	
Grant from Highland Council	£2423.30	
		£2983.30

BITT Tourism Expenditure

Printing costs	£215.00	
Events for members	£300.00	
Affiliation to Scottish Tourism Alliance	£440.00	
		£955.00

Excess of income over expenditure		£2028.30
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Financial Report 1/11/2020 - 1/06/2022

- Community Anchor Organisation Income

• Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Phase 2 - Covid	£9035.00
• Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Phase 3 - Wellbeing	£5718.59
• Highlife Highland - Paths for All	£4072.00
• Highland Council - Place-Based Funding	£30,000.00
	£51,808.89

- Community Anchor Organisation Expenditure

• Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Phase 2 - Covid	£7970.00
• Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Phase 3 - Wellbeing	£5718.59
• Highlife Highland - Paths for All	£4000.18
• Highland Council - Place-Based Funding	£0.00
	£19,299.27

- Excess of income over expenditure

£32,509.62

Financial Report 1/11/2020 - 1/06/2022

- Assets of the Black Isle Partnership

- Bank balance 1/11/2020 £6,822 and Bank balance 1/06/2022 £39,332

- During period 1/11/2020 to 1/06/2022

- Black Isle Partnership costs: Legal and accountancy costs £655
- Project finance: Excess of income over expenditure for Black Isle Tourism Team £2,028
- Project finance: Excess of income over expenditure for other BIP Funded activities £2,510
- Project finance - Committed for Local Place Plan in 2021-22 £30,000.00

Financial Report 1/11/2020 - 1/06/2022

Assets of the Black Isle Partnership at 1/06/2022, £39,332 split between its different activities

- Local Place-based Plan - for spending before April 2023 £30,000
- Black Isle Tourism Team - with £1500 budgeted for new map £6,501
- Anchor Organisation profits £1,801
- Legal/accountancy and tax reserve £1,029



Finally

A massive...

THANK YOU

for the hundreds of hours
of volunteer time