

FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

HALL COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held on 15th November, 2016 at 29 High Street, 7,30pm

PRESENT: Gordon Christie, Alan Brown, Iain Rennie, John Wiles, Sybil Stuart, Elspeth Fordyce, Frances Duncan, Una Hamilton

APOLOGIES: Liz Rennie, George Turnbull, Stewart Harris

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minute was approved and there were no matters arising.

2. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

HALL MANAGEMENT: ALAN BROWN

- The balance at the end of October was £12,110.30.
- The format of the accounts has been changed for easier understanding.
- Income has dropped since the Hall closed.

FUND RAISING: IAIN RENNIE (for Liz)

- Events have already been organised for the formal reopening of the Hall :
Friday – Old Blind Dogs
Saturday – Family Ceilidh
Sunday – Open Day
- There are possible bookings with some bands for next year.
- There was a proposal that there should be a pre-opening event for architects, contractors, funders, user groups and members.

PROJECT: GORDON CHRISTIE

- Stewart has been researching booking rates at a number of halls, both locally and further afield to provide a basis for charges when the Hall reopens.
- When demolishing interior walls in the big hall, the contractors found windows which had been covered. The openings between the large hall and the Christie room have been made below these windows.
- Problems with the roof have been uncovered: the lead needs to be replaced and the box gutter needs to be repaired. An estimate of the cost is being prepared.
- The slater began work today.
- Some pointing had to be replaced.
- Replacement windows are well on: all front windows and two in the hall have been completed.

- The electricians and plumbers are also well on with their work. The plumbing has been easier than expected.
- Some light fittings are being changed.
- The kitchen equipment has been ordered, including a bigger cooker, bain marie, dishwasher, bottle coolers, coffee machine, stainless steel counters and shelves.
- Improvements to the stage were discussed.
- The refurbishment remains on target financially.

3. FUNDING

- * A grant of £15,000 has been received from ENTrust.
- * A generous donation has been received from Ruraidh Hutcheson.
- * The application for funding to the Weir Fund was un successful.
- * A decision has yet to be reached on the application to Awards for All for £10,000.
- * SSE will shortly open a 2 million pound fund for 4 local Community Councils.
- * A suggestion has been made to the New Brunswick Heritage Society that, if they cared to make a donation to the refurbishment, the small front room would be named The William Davidson room in honour of their founder.
- * The 300 Club balance stands at £12,320. £2,000 is given out in prizes. The next draw is on 3.12.2016.
- * Extra chairs are needed.
- * 20 new round tables, 5 feet in diameter, will be required for functions.
- * A banner to advertise functions etc, will be required for the front of the Hall.

BILLS

- The second monthly bill has been paid to GA Construction.
- A bill for printing has to be paid to cm designs.
- The solar panels are now registered with SSE and are expected to earn £1,500.

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- A letter was received from the Milne's Area Forum, encouraging members to attend their AGM in Lhanbryde Community Hall on 22,11,2016, 7.30pm.
- Brodie Young has been filming the weekly progress of work on the Hall.

NEXT MEETINGS

29.11.2016 – Heads of Department

11.01.2017 – AGM of Village Association and Events Committee. 7.30pm

