

## FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

### Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, 7.30pm, The Hub

**PRESENT:** Gordon Christie, Iain Rennie, Liz Rennie, Alan Brown, Una Hamilton, Sam Noble, Sybil Stuart, John Wiles, Janet Hallyburton, Dave Thow, John Howie

**APOLOGIES:** Frances Duncan

#### 1. WELCOME

Gordon welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance. He welcomed John Howie, recently appointed Chair of Fochabers Men's Sheds.

#### 2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING, (29.11.2018)

- New charges came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019.
- The steam oven needs repairs which will cost £400 + VAT, plus parts. It could be converted to a conventional oven.
- John Wiles reported that the main hall is still cold, particularly at the entrance. This will be checked.
- The new booking forms are now available on the website.

#### 3. ACCOUNTS

- Income has doubled since 2016. Bar sales have increased.
- Donations have decreased.
- General purchases include carpet tiles for the balcony and office, tables and chairs.
- Maintenance includes new hand driers.
- The accounts are in profit.
- A repayment will be made towards the debt.
- A quote has been received for the installation of air conditioning. There is the possibility of a grant for this.
- The exterior of the building at the back will be painted.

#### 4. BOOKINGS

Alan reported that bookings were up on last year. There are now 2 Pilates sessions, 2 sessions of Swedish exercise, 2 sessions of children's dance.

There is 1 wedding booked for 2019 and 2 for 2020.

Sam had nothing to report.

#### 5. EVENTS

- 'Bring a party to a Party' was a great success, with very positive feedback so it will be repeated in 2019.
- There is the need for a big fund raiser.
- There is a Magician and Comedy Night on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March for which light catering will be required.
- It was suggested that there could be a Burns' Night with in-house catering to keep costs down.
- Suggestions for further fund raising events included a Cabaret Night, a Wedding Fair, a Ladies' Day, a Summer Ball
- It was suggested that interest in reinstating an annual Flower Show could be investigated.
- An evening with The Elgin Strathspey and Reel Society.

- JOHN WILES reported that this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Indoor Bowling Club Open Competition and the Club is planning to mark the event in various ways. Gordon offered assistance from the Hall Committee.
- The KN has been interested in publishing an article about the Hall and it was suggested that the work of Mhari Marwick would be suitable.
- There will be a banner advertising events placed at the roundabout.
- It was agreed that charges for birthday parties could be lowered, at discretion, as could charges for The Hub.
- The defibrillator is now in place and there has been an offer of training in its use.

**6. A.O.C.B.**

- John Howie and Dave Thow reported on activities of the Men's Sheds, tasks that could be undertaken around the village to enhance the environment eg do up the benches around the trees in the Square, and benefit the people of Fochabers, such as, testing appliances, testing the Brownies on technical skills, producing a photographic calendar of the village.
- Stewart is updating the web site.

The next meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, The Hub.