

FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minute of Hall Committee meeting, Tuesday, 16th April, 2019, 7.30pm, The Hub

PRESENT: Gordon Christie, Iain Rennie, Alan Brown, Una Hamilton, John Howie, John Wiles, Liz Rennie, Sam Noble

APOLOGIES: Sybil Stuart

1. WELCOME

Gordon welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

- The problem with the heating system in the main hall has been fixed.
- The boiler has received its annual service.
- Banners advertising the hall have been placed outside the hall and at the roundabout at the entrance to Fochabers.
- Charges for birthday parties will be lower if the bar is required.
- The Minute was approved.

3. UPDATES

ACCOUNTS: ALAN

- A large bill for boiler pellets was paid in April. As the weather becomes warmer, heating costs will decrease.
- There is a balance of £812.
- The rates bill has been received.

EVENTS: LIZ

- The evening with the magician and hypnotist in March was very successful and different. It is hoped they will make a return visit.
- The Race Night, originally planned for 11th May, has been postponed due to a shortage of volunteers to assist on the night.
- The annual Tombola Night is being planned for Gala Week.
- A meeting to identify interest in reintroducing an annual flower show had a very poor attendance so it will not proceed this year.
- There will be a Ladies Prosecco Afternoon Tea on 14th September.
- The Christmas Party Night is planned for 14th December. The band has been booked and there will be a meeting with caterers on 22nd April.
- Some events are already in the diary for 2020 including:
 - March: Rewind: 70's and 80's Night
 - March: Scottish Opera
 - December: Christmas Party Night
- Any other suggestions will be welcome.

HALL MANAGER: ALAN

- Karen Cruickshank has started creative arts classes for children on Mondays and Thursdays, 9.30-12.00
- There are also two dance classes for children.
- There are two exercise classes for adults.
- There has been an enquiry from a Yoga teacher regarding a new class.

SAM

- The Indoor Bowling season has finished.
The Club is preparing to celebrate 50 years of The Christie Cup later in the year. Members have done well in competitions this year, including winning the Morayshire Charity Cup.
- The church which uses the hall, has introduced a Coffee and Chat session on Thursday mornings.
- Janet and Sybil were satisfied with the outcome of their attendance at the Wedding Exhibition in Elgin Town Hall.
- Julie Wiseman has offered chair covers and table cloths for use at functions.

JOHN HOWIE: MEN'S SHED

- Work on the seats from the Square is almost complete. John would like to organise a press photo when they are reinstalled.
- The Bridge Club has asked the Men's Shed to repair their tables.
- There will be a presentation on Prostate Cancer in The Christie Room on Wednesday, 23rd, to which all are welcome.
- The annual Coffee Morning will take place on 8th June when crafts, made by the members will be on sale.
- John was pleased to report an increase in membership.

4. A.O.C.B.

- Sam will contact The Hydro Board re the repair of the car park.
- Stewart reported that the application for funding of an air condition system has been refused by The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation. He will now make an application to Awards for All.
- An application for a licence has been made for the Skerryvore concert.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 25th June, 7.30pm, The Hub.