

FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minute of Hall Committee meeting held 19.11.2019, The Hub, 7.30pm

Present: Gordon Christie, Alan Brown, Iain Rennie, Donald Cameron, Janet Hallyburton, Sam Noble, John Howie, Liz Rennie, Una Hamilton

APOLOGIES: Sybil Stuart, Joan Jones, John Wiles

1. WELCOME

Gordon welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

- Water has been penetrating the building on the stairs. G and A Construction found that part of the lead flashing was short, causing the leak. They made a temporary repair and will return to complete the work.
- To date, there has been no response from Awards for All regarding funding for an air conditioning system on the balcony.
- External painting is not quite finished as it has proved a bigger job than expected. The Gala Committee donated £800 towards the work which will enhance the appearance of the building greatly.
- The steam oven has been repaired and is working. Caterers who have used it have been very pleased with it.
- The speakers in The Christie Room have been repaired.

3. UPDATES

ACCOUNTS

- The current balance is approximately £10,000 and there has been a healthy profit. As expected, purchases are down as are costs for heat, light and power and maintenance charges. Gordon reported a good result.
- There is a small outstanding load to be paid.
- It was noted that we are now in competition with more local halls so charges etc will need to be competitive.
- So far there are five weddings, three of which include the marriage ceremony, have been booked for 2020.
- Booking from now until Christmas have been very good.

WEDDINGS

- There was a long discussion around weddings, particularly regarding charges. It was suggested that there should be a standard charge for a wedding to include setting up time, the whole day wedding ceremony and reception, cleaning up afterwards and cleaning the kitchen.
- It was suggested that there should be an evaluation sheet, information from which could be used for publicity.
- It was agreed that the wedding brochure should be revised.
- John reported that The Men's Shed had made table decorations which were very successful and that this service could be included the new brochure.
- There was so much discussion on the subject that it is proposed to hold a meeting on **TUESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY 2020, 7.30PM** to discuss the matter further.

EVENTS

- Liz reported there were not enough tickets sold for the Prosecco Afternoon so the event had to be cancelled.
- She also said that the Christmas Party was in a similar situation and suggested a publicity drive.
- Events for 2020 include
 - 28th February: The Magician and Hypnotist
 - 29th February: A Psychic Evening
 - 10th March: Scottish Opera
 - 21st March: Country and Western Evening
 - 2nd May; Stars in Your Eyes

It was suggested that an advertising poster should be produced to be displayed locally and posted on Facebook.

4. A.O.C.B.

- Sam is on holiday for two weeks from 23rd December.
- Donald reported that the Community Council needs new members as, currently, they are unable to form a quorum although they have permission from Moray Council to continue meeting.
- There was a repayment of £292 from Scottish Water.
- **The next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday, 22nd January, 2020.**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.