

Tullynessle & Forbes Community and Hall Association 2019 AGM

Trustees report to 16/5/19

Tullynessle & Forbes Community and Hall Association continues to act as the local community association and management body for Tullynessle and Forbes Hall. 13 of the 14 places on the association committee are filled. The committee is active and meets regularly to deal with developments and issues.

The main focus for member training this year has been familiarisation with the General Data and Protection Regulations (GDPR). One of these members has taken responsibility for ensuring that all necessary training will take place.

Facility maintenance and development

A number of initiatives have taken place this year to keep the hall fit for purpose.

A major upgrade to the boiler has improved the control systems and will extend the life of the boiler. Further work is planned to reduce the heating costs.

The surroundings of the hall have been improved by the planting of bulbs and shrubs, cutting back undergrowth and installing planters with flowers. However, the car park has not been resurfaced and so filling of potholes is ongoing.

An inventory has prompted the need for a review of the provision of kitchenware. The health and safety policy has been updated and further reviews of lighting, carpets, curtain rails, storage and cleaning regimes have taken place. As a result, the committee is confident that the hall is ready to take on the most demanding of challenges.

One major change was the appointment of a new Bookings Administrator in summer 2018.

Social needs and developments

Supportive involvement of the Scottish Government has resulted in some progress toward securing community ownership of Montgarrie Playing Fields. Progress is being made but it is slow progress.

The association continues to put on events which stimulate contact and engagement with the community; Film nights, Theatre productions, Hogmanay Ceilidh, and Producer's Market. The Producers' market also gives local traders the opportunity to show off and sell their products to our local community. These events provide good opportunities to strengthen social cohesion.

The association is keen to engage with the younger elements of the community because they hold the key to the future health of the community.

Financial Needs and Expenditure

Detailed financial analysis is covered in the financial report. Some points from the report.

- The finances of the organisation continue to be healthy despite showing a negative balance on the year. The major investment in the boiler is the reason why there is a negative balance in the figures.
- Fundraising from external sources has been in the main very positive and it is expected that we will be able to install a new PA system later this year, however the bid for Garfield Weston funding to resurface the car park was unsuccessful.

- The 2019 Calendar was a great success, sold out and turned in a nice profit

The Future

There is a real need for a greater involvement in the affairs of the association by younger members of the community.

A review of the car park project is needed.

The committee will to ensure the hall is an attractive resource for the community.

R. Leonard

Chairperson.

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