

Shieldaig Community Association - SCA SCIO

Minutes 23rd Sept 2014

Apologies: Nommie Cameron, Sarah Wedgewood and Jim Alexander

Present: Pauline McNeil, Stephanie Ash, Ann Barton, Richard Munday, Brian Ash, Peter Fenton and 1 SCA member.

Minutes of the 10th June approved.

Treasurers Report

As of 5th Sept the bank account is £26,095.45, this report will be put on the shieldaig.info website.

The financial year end is 30th Sept 2014. We do not need formalised accounts. Need to include the Sports Association closing accounts into the SCA accounts (Special meeting required - next SCA meeting too late) then put forward to OSCR.

Brief discussion about the hall electricity bill - estimated £1000 p.a. We will know in October if the Royal Mail have increased their rent payments for using the hall, following letters sent by Jim A last year.

Fete - Income £6186, Expenditure £2459, Profit £3727 - this will be put on the noticeboards with thanks to everyone who was involved and contributed. Friday evening event raised around £650. The Raft Race & Football events prizes cost SCA £52 with no entry fees charged. No donation for Hillrace prizes this year. Facepainting cost £115 with only £27 raised. Steph has a breakdown if anyone needs the details. There will be a fete de-brief on Tues 21st Oct 7pm.

Gift Aid - the process asks for a fit & proper person to apply on behalf of the SCIO. Steph A was proposed to fill in the forms with Richard M being her 2nd. If we get donations and income to be gift aided, where appropriate, this will increase the amount of money coming in.

Subgroup Reports:

Maintenance:

- Tents - were a challenge for the fete and are now sorted & stored tidily. *NB 2 tents were unusable due to missing parts, these need to be identified and the spares sourced well in advance of being needed again.*
- Benches - all the remembrance benches and noticeboards have been painted. 1 new table/seat installed. The intention is to replace the remaining badly worn tables in the near future.
- Hall - the work on the hall is complete. The outside light is not working, Pauline McN to phone Scott Fraser.
- School Brae - there is a damaging torrent of water in heavy rainfall, some work/attention needed by the maintenance team to channel the water better.
- Pontoon - the broken stays have been replaced. Kenny will monitor the strange angle the pontoon has settled at.
- Grass playing field - the surface is now good thanks to working groups over the last months (Jim, Rachel Sutherland, David Smith, Richard & Claire Minday) who have scarified, aerated & fertilized the grass and cleaned drains. Unfortunately the grass cutting contract does not include the removal of the grass cuttings, which can result in large clumps of grass being left on the surface, killing the grass beneath. Ann B had a conversation with Highland Council about this but no resolution at this point.
- All weather sports court - Thanks to Nadia for her work maintaining. We are at the point of needing a tonne of sand. Check for damage (following Augusts heavy rainfall) if much sand washed away.

Activities:

- Fete – For a new team the fete went very well, with £3727 profit raised, thanks to everyone involved. Feedback on the Friday evening event was very positive. Review Clown/facepainting, Football & Raft race as all created cost rather than generating income. Fete debrief and the start of planning for next year 21st Oct 7pm venue TBC.
- Booklet – the advertising process needs to start now for the 2015 booklet (Ann B). Agreed ¼ page advert fee £45 for 2015. Keep the wholesale & retail booklet sales price the same. Costs around £2500 to print 500 booklets. Advertising revenue is around £2000, aim to increase this revenue to cover more of the printing cost. Look into the technicalities of selling a pdf form of the booklet on-line through shieldaig.org. The Editor is stepping down next year – thanks to Alice Maclennan for all her hard work over the years she has been involved with the booklet – a team of at least 2 are needed.
- Hall Bookings – Jim A is now working offshore so a replacement is needed to look after the hall bookings. Peter F agreed to take it on and Henry R also to be approached. Booking confirmations need to have additional info such as cleaning up, securing the hall and key collection.
- Bonfire night – Fireworks ordered & paid for to secure a cheaper price, to ask Kenny L if he would set up the fireworks & supervise. Frosty & Pauline will organise food. Ann B to make punch as Richard M not around for 7th Nov.
- Halloween – Fri 31st Oct. Ask Lyndsay D to put up a notice to see what parents & children want to do. SCA will support if they want a party in the hall and a few prizes.
- Children's Xmas party – run by parents. Ask Lyndsay D & Lynn Frost. SCA will support – cash to be drawn from account early Dec (Steph A). Traidcraft envelopes (Claire M).
- Over 60's lunch – after a discussion about format, who to include the criteria have not changed. By invitation Thurs 4th Dec in Shieldaig Hall. If the new kitchen is in then a cooked Xmas dinner, if not then the same format as year (festive soup & sandwiches). Invitations out mid Nov.

Projects:

- Moorings Association (MA) merger – Brian A had meeting with Crown Estates (CE) who would welcome the SCA taking over the MA. The MA appraises moorings & collects rent – then pays to CE. Permanent moorings leasing agreement through the MA is ½ price at £40 p.a plus a £5 admin fee. A written agreement between SCA SCIO & Crown Estate would be needed, subject to current MA agreeing and dissolving. Richard M & Brian A to read detailed document. SCA liability for rent collection is limited to 1 written warning given then, non-payment issue passed to CE. CE have agreed to pay for (potentially) 4 new deep water visitor moorings to be put in, the £40 p.a. fee applicable on each. The SCA can charge £10-12 per night for visitor mooring fee, creating another income stream. Various ways of collecting this fee – donation box on pontoon, tag on mooring bouy with web address and link. Payment rate 80-90% in other areas who operate similar scheme.
- Hall Kitchen – The funding application was unsuccessful. We have enough money raised to pay for just refurbishing the kitchen. A new quote is being sought by Steph A and if we can source an ex-demo kitchen and get the expenditure right down we hope to have a new kitchen in ready for xmas.
- Baile Shuas Playpark – Peter F is consulting with parents.
- Bike Park – the SCA SCIO already own the land behind the all weather sports court. Lyndsay D to progress in autumn.

- Swimming Pool – The pump is broken. Pauline McN, Lyndsay D & Ann B to organise a research visit to Ratagan pool in Nov.

Correspondence:

- Applecross Cycling project – Applying for funding for a part time bike mechanic with an electric vehicle/workshop for 1 year. Be available to provide bike maintenance & training in other communities. We wish them luck with their project.
- Highland Communities Panel – Electronic survey. Steph A will respond.
- Scottish Rural Parliament event – 9th Oct Strathcarron. Kirkton Woodlands group & Appx Community Co have funding to co-host the event.
<http://www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk>
- Applecross Community Company – thinking of extending the area ACC covers to include the north coast. The medical practice and broadband / energy efficiency projects go as far as Kenmore. There would be no restriction on the residents along the coast being members of both the ACC and SCA SCIO. They will need an EGM to change the articles and we are welcome to send a rep along.

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Campsite – Following the discussion at the Community Council 3 reps were put forward; Pauline McN (SCA) Lyndsay D (CC) someone from the grazings committee. Pauline & Lyndsay met to discuss operating the campsite as a community project. However Ruraidh & Hazel Maclennan have come forward with a proposal to set up and operate a more organised campground with planning permission and facilities. This proposal is welcomed as a positive way forward, subject to appropriate consultation with residents around the campsite.