

# Shieldaig Community Association SCIO

## Minutes 28th October 2014

Apologies: Jim A, Sarah W, Henry R, Peter F

Present: Pauline McN, Ann B, Steph A, Richard M, Brian A, Nommie C, Kenny L and 2 members of the community.

Minutes for 23rd Sept need to be amended to include 'Swimming pool pump has broken. Pauline McN, Lyndsay D and Ann B to visit pool at Ratagan in Nov to research options.'

### Treasurers Report

- Bank account has £27,176 at end of financial year. This includes money allocated for the Sea-Eagle and Kitchen projects, along with holding Playgroup money.
- A report from the treasurer highlighted budget areas that require expenditure over and above any income generated. Booklet straddled 2 financial years & appears to have made a loss, where it actually makes a profit.
- There was around £6000 raised/income during the last year, which covered last year's expenditure. We have had this first full year of the SCIO to get a feel for annual costs and regular expenditure.
- Steph A & Richard M are working on budgets for the next financial year.
- Once the budget is agreed, the Trustee in charge of that budget head needs to stay in budget. If there is a danger of going over budget then Steph or Richard need to be asked BEFORE spending additional sums.
- Whilst it looks as though there is plenty of money in the bank, there are a number of projects in the pipeline. Additional funding is getting harder to obtain and the current income of £6000 per annum is all being spent e.g running the hall, swimming pool, xmas, bonfire events etc. Any budget overspending eats into project funding.
- New projects need to develop the costings in the planning stages.
- The All Weather Sports Court suffered storm damage and insurance payment is part of income shown. Income reduced to £76.46 for use - the change to donation box collection may be part of the reason for the reduction. Discussion on wider publicity, leaflets to self catering cottages to increase the use and income from this court.
- The Playgroup are now paying £200 per annum.
- Insurance fees may go down further as the Sports & Village Associations are now merged.
- Final LEADER payment £1300 for the pontoon. The income from the ponton was reduced by fewer Hebridean Princess visits.
- The return to OSCR is being prepared. Blair Houser will be asked to check the accounts, a full audit is not required.
- Steph is looking into setting up a not-for-profit (NFP) PayPal account. Costs will be 1.4% total value of each transaction plus 20p for that transaction.
- Gift Aid paperwork is in process.

Discussions with the Royal Mail are on-going re increasing the rental for the posties hall use to sort mail. The rent appears to have been unchanged since the 1980's! However, it appears the posties may be moved to Strathcarron for mail sorting in the near future. This will free up the hall for use in the morning.

Application for shortfall in hall funding HC - deadline Dec 31st. We will apply on the basis of use by the school.

The Grazings Committee have very kindly given the SCA a cheque for £1100, 40% of the campsite donations.

## Maintenance

- Working party dealt with improving water run off on the Brea & up past the school - thank you all
- The village tables & benches that needed replacing have all been purchased and just need fixing in place.
- The barrels in front of the hall are falling to bits.
- Peter & Nadia F along with Richard M regularly look after the all weather court - thank you.

## Activities

- **Fete De-brief** - Meeting was held on 21st to discuss what went well & not so well. Need to address tent repairs/purchase. New optics required for bar. ? new gas BBQ. Friday eve a success, to be repeated. The new team generated a healthy profit of over £3000 contributing greatly to the finances of the SCIO. Full report available on request/on village website. Planning for 2015 fete will start end of January.
- **Over 60's xmas lunch** - As the new kitchen is unlikely to be fitted until the new year it will be the same format as last year - festive soup & sandwiches. Pauline McN sending out invitations shortly.
- **Booklet** - Lucy Kerr has joined Alice on the editorial team - thank you Lucy. Editorial content is being collated. Ann B has the advertising section under way.
- **Hall Bookings** - Lucy Kerr has kindly volunteered to do this job - thank you.

## Projects

- **Kitchen** - we will go ahead with just the kitchen being refurbished + new tables for the hall. Ann B spoke to Audrey Sinclair about discretionary award funding, putting in a request for £3000 to boost the kitchen project funds to around £7500. Any additional expenditure the SCIO can cover, so as not to be a barrier to getting the kitchen done this winter. We need to talk to joiner/fitter about timescales.
- **Swimming Pool** - Sarah W and Alice visited Ratagan to look at their pool. 5m diam circular x 1m deep. Heat pump cost £1200 + £1000 to install but reduces energy costs by 50%. Polytunnel cover - needs replacing every 3 years. Pool in use 8-9 months. Overall costs around £20,000 from Pool Enclosures LTD - Nairn. Money from Highland Council to install and contribution to upkeep. Other finance - CC £500, Sports Scotland ?, they have an annual gala and a weekly lottery to pay for running costs. Solar panels were inefficient. They felt it was essential that the ownership should be parent lead. We need to put together rough costings then ask the whole community for their views. Ann B recommends costing a Keder polytunnel guaranteed for 15 years.
- **Playpark** - Peter F spoken to the parents at Baile Shuas.
- **Energy Monitors** - 6 monitors have been purchased to loan out. 6 names were drawn out of the hat (from the people who previously indicated an interest). They will be contacted by Ann B.
- **Moorings Association** - Brian A & Richard M to go through Crown Estate draft agreement. The officers of the Moorings Association will contact all their members regarding cessation and transfer to SCA SCIO on a timescale of year end.
- **Bike Park** -no update
- **Hall** - There had been some mention of the possibility of purchasing the hall. The Church of Scotland are currently restructuring and deciding the long term future for the church/hall.

## AOCB

The question was raised of whether meetings are just for Trustees. Yes they are Trustee meetings, but we wish to be completely open and transparent, so welcome anyone who wishes to come along.

Please look at the bottom of the minutes for dates of next meetings, which are on the notice boards. The minutes and dates of next meetings also are on the shieldaig.info website.

**Future Meetings - all in the Hall**

Tues 25th Nov 7pm,

Tues 20th Jan 2015 7pm,

Sat 7th March 2015 11am - AGM