

Minutes Shieldaig Community Association

8th April 2014 7pm.

Present: Pauline McNeil, Stephanie Ash, Ann Barton, Nommie Cameron, Richard Munday, Jim Alexander, Sarah Wedgwood, Kenny Livingstone, Brian Ash, Peter Fenton & Henry Robertson

Minutes from 22nd March accepted.

12th Trustee

Lyndsay Dacker to become the 12th Trustee; proposed by Pauline McNeil & seconded Stephanie Ash.

Sub-groups

Projects group – to be headed by Stephanie A, Jim A and Henry R

Activities group – to be headed Pauline M, Sarah W and Kenny L.
Booklet to be managed by Ann B

Maintenance group – headed by Nommie C and Brian A.

Pontoon Kenny L

All weather sports court & Football pitch Richard M.

We discussed encouraging the youngsters who play football to be involved with the football pitch tasks.

It was suggested that trustees have a written schedule of work / checks involved for each asset / responsibility. This will allow others to see the work load involved, the timings of tasks; which in turn will be helpful when others come to take over the task in the future.

Maintenance Report

Thanks to people helping on the Maintenance team. Anyone else wishing to get involved please make yourselves known to Nommie C.

The hall has had a coat of Sandtex to the exterior and a new fire door. Work is still to be done to the windows. Work is costing around £400, the Church of Scotland is contributing £150. The fence behind the hall is falling to bits and dangerous in it's current state. The SCA decided on balance it is safer to remove, Highland Council to be informed – they can choose to replace or not. The fence was there to separate the area of ground owned by the Church of Scotland and Highland Council.

The Maintenance list for this year includes:

Back road path, 5 commemorative benches, round picnic tables need replacing, 3 notice boards, sheds at the swimming pool and flower planters.

Nommie C has allocated tasks to the members of the community who made it known they wanted to help. They will organise themselves to work either individually on their specific tasks or as small teams according to their preference. Thank you to the maintenance team volunteers for coming along to the meeting

Nommie C to open an account at Norland for SCA.

Finance Report

Each subgroup will have a delegated budget to spend.

The trustees who head the sub-groups will decide how that money is to be spent. Reporting of spending is to the Treasurer Stephanie A, who will report on income and expenditure regularly. Expenditure that is agreed under the delegated budget for each sub-group and with the trustees responsible does not need to be double checked, if it within that budget.

Any additional expenditure needs to be checked BEFORE committing to that expense. Money cannot be spent if there is no budget for that expense.

There is around £25,000 in the account and around £20,000 is already allocated for spending during the coming year, which includes the money raised for the kitchen and sea-eagle projects. £617 is included from the Community Council for maintenance. At the moment the expenditure figures for the fete are not totally clear, the budget for the fete is being worked on. Corrections in the meeting to the finance sheet quickly ate into the £5000 surplus.

It has become clear that the Hall does not receive enough income from hall hire to cover its costs. A grant has to be applied for each year to make up the shortfall. There are various groups who appear not to pay for the use of the hall such as the Community Council and the School, who perhaps should be contributing. Jim A to contact the school about paying for use of the hall. The Post Office has been approached to increase their rental, which has remained the same for over a decade.

The newly formed Playgroup have approached the SCA for free hall use. Whilst the Trustees work out a policy as to which groups / functions are chargeable or not they can have free use for 2 months but have been asked to apply for funding to cover the hall hire (Highland Playgroups Association). The fees for hall hire for local users will be £10 for each morning, afternoon or evening session, or £5 per hour. For all other users the charge will be £15 per evening, £20 per half day or £35 per day.

The merger of the insurance policy for the Sports Association and the Shieldaig Village Association is being handled by Sarah W. This will cut the cost of insurance.

End of financial year is 30th Sept 2014.

AOCB

Peter F would like to be a childrens co-ordinator. Children do not have a formal voice within the SCA as they cannot be members until they are 16 years old. He is proposing to set up a Saturday club and activities in the hall, along with getting the views of what children want from the SCA.

Newsletter – there will be a newsletter to cover all the news now the SCA is up and running.

Fete

Sadly no-one from the community attended the meeting to discuss the fete.

Sarah W, Pauline McN and Kenny L head the Activity group so will oversee the fete. They will be recruiting help and delegating tasks. Next Fete meeting Sat 26th Apr, 2pm in Hall.

It is proposed to have a music and food event in the hall on Friday evening, which will start as the raft race finishes.

A condition of entering the raft race will be the clear up of rafts as the event finishes to prevent the litter of rafts around the village for the next year.

The tents are to be untangled and put up on the sports pitch during the next few weeks – Kenny L to organise.

With so many young children in the village it makes sense to have a child focus, the clown is already booked.

Date of next meeting 10th June 7pm, in hall

On the Agenda for the next meeting is the swimming pool; with costs of £3000 to run the pool it is hard to justify running the pool this summer. What are the communities views?