

Shieldaig Community Association

Minutes 8th Oct 2015

Present: Pauline McNeil, Jim Alexander, Ann Barton, Nommie Cameron, Sarah Wedgwood

Apologies: Lyndsay Dacker, Kenny Livingstone

Minutes of the 13th Aug 15 agreed

Treasurers Report

Waiting for bank statement to reconcile the end of year accounts.

Discussion about budget heads:

Playing Field - keep to £250

Sports Court - need large Travis/Jewson bag of silver sand. Ask Nadia & Edana for invoices re sports court maintenance (Action Sarah W)

Pontoon - generating surplus, ask Kenny about likely up coming costs.

Swimming Pool - quarterly maintenance electricity charges only.

Village Maintenance - £2000

Village Hall - Lack of income: no payment from Royal Mail since Sept 14 or Hall Hire Fees. Action Ann B to chase Royal Mail, Jim A to ask Lucy Kerr about Hall Hire fees.

Fete - budget unchanged £2500 to finance up front costs.

Booklet - now generating a surplus

Halloween - children want to guise rather than have a party.

Fireworks - paid for already £650.17

Childrens xmas party - only primary aged children to receive money gift - we were unclear how this affected the budget for last year of £435

Seniors xmas lunch party - £750 as plan to cook the meal in the new kitchen.

Playgroup - Paid £5 per 2 hour weekly session contributing £235 towards Hall Hire. Raised £258.33 from children attending (charge £1.50) Donation from Torridon Playgroup £250 + anonymous donation £50. Paid for storage container, CALA membership + toys (total spend £229.04)

Stationary - £250

Maintenance

Cutting bracken & weedkilling around village.

Nommie has painted 4 small window frames in the Hall and cleaned the recess.

Nommie wonders if there is too much work around the village to be done by volunteers and proposes paying £10 per hour to a reliable self employed handyman to get the work done? We discussed a potential conflict of interest if a Trustee does some of the paid work.

Projects

Hall - floor needs sanding & varnishing, ceiling scaffold hire, rubbing down & emulsion paint

Pauline McN has quotes, Remnant King are the cheapest, black out roller blinds around £66 per window. Ask David Seel for quote to replace front door.

Nommie volunteered to project manage.

Playgroup shelving has not made any progress - Claire M to ask Charlie.

Discussed approaching Highland Council regarding the Discretionary award to help finance (Action Ann B). The Church do not have any money.

Kitchen - £365.14 spent on roasting tins, cutlery, china and pans for the kitchen (catering for 36 people sitting to eat)

Baile Shuas play area - no progress to report (Sarah W + Peter F).

Swimming Pool - Sarah W has looked over the work Stephanie Ash started, regarding a replacement pool. Her conclusions are:

That an all year round pool will cost in excess of £30,000, is going to be difficult to finance, would require a regular income stream and would need to benefit more than the small number of children in the village. This in turn would have both Insurance and Health & Safety implications.

A simpler pool that is more of a 'like for like' replacement, will cost around £15,000 and could be dismantled at the end of each season. There is a feeling amongst funders that Shildaig has had it's share of sports related funding.

Active schools looks an unlikely source.

With wetsuits many of the children are swimming in the sea.

At the AGM we need to get a sounding from membership about the next project as the Hall is likely to be completed.

Activities Report

- Seniors Xmas Lunch - date changed to Thurs 10th Dec as Sarah W now unavailable for the 3rd.
- Fireworks - ask Frosty about 6th or 7th Nov. Need marquee with sides, move up the BBQ and use frozen burgers (Ann B's freezer) need to purchase rolls & sauces. Ask Richard for punch, volunteers to make soups. Pauline to ask Angie for use of the usual site. Talk to Nick about generator for lighting.
- Booklet - meeting with Ann B, Les Dominey & Lucy Kerr to start the production of 2016 Booklet. Advertisers now being approached.

Correspondence

1, OSCR annual return needed by end June '16. Need March AGM to complete to the process. Blair Houser to look over accounts.

2, Swimming Pool - letter regarding the safety of the pool & fencing sent to Pauline McN. Pool drained by the Fire Brigade. Jim A secured the fencing. Letter back to say we have remedied the problems.

3, Sarah W received a letter from Corra Irwin, the solicitors are offering funding of £500 or £1000 for projects. We wondered if the Hall project might be eligible?

AOCB

A thank you to be given to Tommy Taylor for his many years of service to the Fete on megaphone duty. We shall no doubt still hear his dulcet tones just for the egg throwing!

Next Meeting

Thurs 7th January 2016