

Shieldaig Community Association SCIO

Minutes 7th January 2016

Present: Pauline McNeil, Jim Alexander, Ann Barton, Nommie Cameron, Sarah Wedgwood, Kenny Livingstone, Peter Fenton and 1 member of community

Apologies: None.

Resignation: Brian Ash

Minutes of 8th October 2015 approved

Treasurer's report

- No bank statement received yet for January - on-line current balance £24,084
- Spending - £450 Xmas lunch (budgeted for up to £750), kids Xmas party budgeted £350 came in at £300, hall decoration £1640, skiff project just under £1500.
- We don't have a budget head for the Hall project, so will create. The surplus of £1100 left from the kitchen project has been spent on Hall renovation; some can come out of maintenance budget.
- Anticipated expenditure - blinds for the hall quote is around £400. Decoration behind curtain area of Hall £350. A member of the community offered to make the shelving to store the playgroup equipment, 1 year on nothing has happened, to chase up & ask Murdo Corrie for a 2nd quote.
- Income at present is mostly from Booklet advertising. We have received a cheque from the Grazing's Committee for £500 - thanks to them for this.
- Electricity at swimming pool - costs around £23 a quarter for the standing charge. Jim A to find out if we disconnect what the cost would be to reconnect again; if the cost is not too great we propose to disconnect to remove the Health & Safety risk.

Maintenance Team

Scaffolding set up in Hall to re-paint the ceiling. New diffusers to lights, rubbing strips on the walls, magnolia paint. Paid £10 per hour for work to get done. Window sills prepared. Nommie only charged about 50% for his time - thanks to Nommie for all his work and taking charge of seeing this work through. The area that remains to be done is the section behind the large curtains.

Thanks to Alan Milne for restoring the base for the canon on the front (Pauline to organise a token of thanks). The canon itself could do with paintwork touching up with Hammerite.

Activities

- **Seniors Xmas Lunch** - 30 people attended for a full cooked lunch. Could manage up to 40. Good feedback from attendees. Thanks to primary school for their contribution, which was greatly appreciated.
- **Bonfire** - Thanks to Lynn, Frosty, Nick, Scott and any other helpers. The suppliers of our fireworks (Kimbolton Fireworks) had a break-in the night before dispatch & all their rockets were stolen which created a scramble to find an alternative supplier! Rockets are 1/3rd of our display. This hiccup was very professionally dealt with and we would still use them again next year.
- **Skiff** - Thanks from Nigel, on behalf of the skiff group, to the SCA SCIO for providing the funding to purchase the kit to build the boat. The kit arrived 2 weeks ago. The skiff group have had 3 meetings, with a good turnout. Some want to build, others to row and great enthusiasm. The next step is to appoint roles and get

fundraising. We had a discussion about sponsors, naming the boat, insurance during the construction phase (via Scottish Coastal Rowing Association or Highland Council under SCA insurance), which also needs to cover the cost of loaned equipment. Cover for £3500.

- **Booklet** – Ann B has sold £2875 worth of advertising for the Booklet. There remains £495 yet to come in. Last years print run of 400 cost £2393. Costs for the 2016 Booklet are likely to remain the same; the advertising for the 2nd year running has covered the cost of producing the Booklet. Sales of the Booklet generate income for the SCIO of around £700. The team of Ann B, Lucy Kerr & Les Dominey aim to get Booklets printed and distributed ready for Easter.
- **Fete** – Pauline McN & Ann B are stepping down from being the main organisers of the Fete. Nommie has resigned from organising the tents. **We need new people to come forward and as FETE PLANNING HAS TO START NOW** we agreed to have a meeting 29th January in the Hall with food to kick start the process. We discussed whether the skiff team could take on organising the Fete, but it was felt that 1, as they are a very new group who are 2, also building the boat this year, it would be too much. The skiff group should be very much involved in the planning as we have the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association event running alongside the Fete. Concern was raised around the tide state for 2016 but 1, it was a very low tide last year & they managed and 2, we cannot really move the date of the Fete from the 1st Saturday in August – which will be Saturday 6th August 2016.

Projects

Hall re-decorating is coming to completion.

We need to identify the next worthy project. We talked around ideas such as a community garden at the site of the swimming pool, quarterly bus hire to take teenagers to Inverness for entertainment, additional moorings for hire to visitors and the toilet block. It was felt that the community should discuss this at the AGM. Peter F thought that we look at any gaps in age groups provided for whilst Jim A suggested we need to be mindful of the remit of our charitable status.

Correspondence

- **Swimming Pool** – following a letter raising Health & Safety concerns in the autumn, the Fire Brigade kindly came and emptied the pool for us. We have received another official complaint, this time from the new head at the Primary School, again regarding H & S concerns at the pool (which has filled up again thanks to all the rain we have had) & the poor state of the safety fencing. To solve this we have put holes into the pools sides to permanently drain it and re-erected the fencing (which gets blown around in gales). **The pool is now unsafe, needs to be dismantled and the electricity supply disconnected.**
- **Hall rental to Posties** – the Licence has been agreed, signed and a rental of £1500 for the year to 30th September 2016 has been paid in full. The Licence sent by Morton Fraser Solicitors Glasgow (0131 247 1183) is registered with ‘Registers of Scotland’. The Licence will then continue on a 6 monthly basis and can be terminated by either party on any 6 month anniversary, giving 3 months written notice of termination.
- **Community Empowerment Act** – Sarah W forwarded a summary of this new Act. Significant points on first reading this are that the act requires 1, that groups are SCIO’s and 2, that their constitutions include the ‘provision that the organisation must not have fewer than 20 members’. It might be wise to amend our constitution at the AGM to cover the minimum membership. This Act enables communities to have greater powers such as having their voices heard in how services are planned & delivered and encompasses the Land Reform Act. Ann B & Sarah W to look into.

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- **Campsite** - the Crofting Commission hearing is 29th January '16
- **SCA Constitution** - check if it is on the website
- **AGM** - Saturday 5th March 2016, 11am in the Hall
- **Trustees Needed** - Sarah W & Kenny L have to stand down at the AGM, which will further reduce our current number of Trustees, we can have up to 12 Trustees.
- **Membership** - we are required by OSCR to maintain an up to date membership list. The practical way to do this is to annual ask the community to fill in new forms, ahead of each AGM. Membership forms are accessible on the website & in the shop.