

Shieldaig Community Association SCIO

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Present: Pauline McNeil (Chair), Nick McNeil, Nommie Cameron, Jim Alexander (Treasurer) and Alan Milne (Secretary)

Apologies: Peter Fenton

Approval of Minutes for 26th July 2016

Treasurer's Report

- Bank Balance stands at £30,468
- Total Profit from the fête was £5,174
- Skiff Project balance is now £3,679 having spent £1,072
- £250 went through the account due to the school sea angling day, this has now been paid to the school
- £140 raised from the first hire of the scaffold tower
- £415 spent on village maintenance
- The lease on the pontoon has accidentally been paid twice so £150 rebate should be due soon
- Mooring fee for the pontoon is £202
- Play group has paid £235 for hall hire and is in a financially good state
- Blair Houser who acts as our end of year auditor is retiring so it was decided to ask Alistair Taylor to see if he could help out when this is due

Maintenance Report

- Nommie extended his thanks to Jim and John for the work they had done implementing his maintenance plan
- The new lino has been fitted to the village hall toilet thanks to Jim

Projects

- There has been no progress as yet on finding a stonemason for the possible village sign, but this is ongoing
- The Toilet Block on Mary St is due to be locked in October, which caused concerns about the impact of its closure on NC500 users
 - Other communities have taken control of their amenities through a 'take-over' from the relevant council
 - Pauline agreed to talk to Sarah Wedgwood to find out more about how we could do this
 - Opening in winter would require the installation of some low level heating to prevent pipe bursts
 - It would also mean retaining the services of a cleaner during the winter months

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- Following a request from Robert Gordon for more planters along the sea front it was agreed that we would look at this again at the start of next year, along with a possible 'adopt a planter' scheme so that locals can take responsibility for planters near them
- It has been suggested that a water sports building should be erected near the pier to store the skiff and for the use of other water sporting events
 - Jim Alexander agreed to attend the next skiff project meeting to start discussions with them

Playing Field

- Still awaiting aeration

Events

- Halloween Party
 - Pauline will talk to Lisa and Lynn to see if a repeat of last year's event can be held at Nanny's
- Bonfire Night
 - It was thought that moving the location of the bonfire party to the playing field area (rather than Angie's Shed) would provide a more sheltered and convenient location
 - Pauline and Nick have agreed to survey the area to see if this is possible and, if so, what to put where
- Christmas Parties
 - Pauline has agreed to talk to Lisa and Lynn about a similar children's Christmas event to last year's
 - As she will not be available, Pauline will ask Sarah Wedgwood if she can handle the invites, etc., for the over 60's Christmas Lunch
 - Over 60's Christmas Lunch to be held in the Village Hall – possibly on Thursday 8th December

AOCB

- Alice has asked if the Village Hall Shed could be cleaned out – Jim Alexander to have a look

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 15th November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.