

# Shieldaig Community Association SCIO

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**Present:** Pauline McNeil ( Chair ), Nick McNeil, Viv Rollo, and Alan Milne ( Secretary ) + Andrew Ford and Kassie Forder

**Apologies:** Jim Alexander ( Treasurer ), Peter Fenton and Nommie Cameron

**Approval** of minutes for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Treasurer's Report

- Jim posted the accounts on the Shieldaig Info website due to his absence, however he emailed us with the main points for this meeting which were:
  - Gaelforce Engineering have repaired the pontoon with new and improved blocks and hinges. The up-front payment was 25% or £1,160.68p which leaves £3,482 outstanding. Jim thinks it is likely that our claim for storm damage will be successful but we may have to pay a small excess.
  - Gaelforce have also been paid £3,315.60p for hardware for the new moorings. Atlantic diving services will carry out the installation work at a cost of £865. The Crown Estate has been invoiced for the promised funding of £4000 towards this expense.
  - The toilet leak in the village hall has been fixed at a cost of £48.
  - We have been invoiced by the school for the window cleaning.
  - We are likely to be asked to help with other school related matters which the Highland Council seem unable to fund. Maybe we should have a fund-raising event as discussed at the previous meeting.
  - Lillian has agreed to keep the public toilets in order throughout the winter months at a reduced rate of £60 per week.
- Alan reported on the progress on the Shieldaig 2017 booklet:
  - printing costs were £2,159, however advertising income was £2,600 of which £135 still remains unpaid.
  - sales of the booklet have amounted to £906 gross with £267 still unpaid.
  - the booklet has accrued £906 profit so far. £504 taking unpaid amounts into consideration.
  - Alan will be chasing all unpaid invoices in the near future.
- Alan also raised the matter of our insurance through the Highland Council.
  - The current documentation provided by the Highland Council is extremely vague as to what is, and what is not covered. For example the pontoon is not mentioned anywhere within it although it would appear that we are covered.
  - Colin Mackenzie at the Highland Council will be retiring in October and he will not be replaced, so insurance through them will likely not be offered.
  - We will renew the policy for next year when the current one expires at the end of March. This should give us time to evaluate the options we have for the following year.
  - Jim has indicated that he would be willing to carry out this assessment.
  - Alan will talk to Richard Munday to find out what was originally thought to be covered by the existing policy.

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- We may have to install signs to inform users of village amenities that they do so at their own risk:
  - Pontoon x 2
  - Tennis Court
  - Playing Field
  - Toilet Block x 2
  - Village Hall

## Maintenance Report

- Pontoon
  - the shore side of the pontoon has moved East and the moorings have dragged.
  - Andrew will head up a team to reposition the pontoon and moorings. This needs to be done on a spring tide.
- We need a new bin for the pier as the old one has gone missing
- Fence and gate by the cattle grid need repainting as the previous attempt used the wrong type of paint, on top of another paint that needs completely removing.
  - Alan to get the materials.
  - We may need to get a team of volunteers to aid in this task.
- Joe is to repair and rebuild the concrete benches on School Brae, outside of Nanny's and in the camp site.
- Football pitch needs aeration. Andrew to check with Jim about this.
- Alan will get planters to increase the number on the seafront in Main St.

## AOCB

- The Fête is to be discussed at the AGM on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April and a committee formed then.

**Date of next meeting** – Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.