



KYLE OF SUTHERLAND Gala week

COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 2 July 2012 INVERSHIN HOTEL

Present: Sally Mackintosh (SM Secretary); Kay Smart (KS Treasurer); Elissa Steven (ES); Rob Pope (RP); Tracy Moffat (Convenor TM); Melissa Askew (MA)

Apologies –

Item		Action By
1	1. TORRIDON DANCE 1.1. SM circulated a letter received from Ronwen Copley of the Ardgay Hall committee complaining about the cleanliness of the hall after the dance and charging an additional £25 for cleaning on top of the £50 already paid. 1.2. Following discussion it was felt that the hall committee should have made contact with the Gala committee on the day after the dance if they had complaints. All would have been happy to return and put right anything deemed 'not up to standard'. The letter was received a month after the event and this was felt to be unfair and unnecessary. 1.3. It was also felt a number of points raised in the letter were unfounded and some petty. 1.4. Decision was taken for SM to copy the letter and her reply to the Chairman of the committee to ensure that he is aware of the nature of letters being sent and the delay in communicating any wrong doing. 1.5. Decision was also taken that in the event the Gala does continue after the AGM no further events will be held in Ardgay Hall until assurance is received that disparaging letters are not going to be received in the first instance and any complaints will initially be communicated to the committee by phone to enable them to put right any inadvertent errors.	SM
2	2. BANK UPDATE and BANK BALANCE 2.1. KS advised that the bank had now found the original form it had lost. They now required confirmation of the ID of Sandie Gordon. 2.2. It was decided no action would be taken on bank matters until after the AGM. 2.3. The current bank balance stands at £3736 with a further £300 to be paid in from the Bouncy Castle	
3	3. BOUNCY CASTLE AND SLIDE 3.1. The Bouncy Castle had been returned to Gail in a poor state of repair at the weekend. Urgent repairs are required to ensure pre bookings could go ahead from Friday 6 July. 3.2. SM has arranged for the Castle repair. Rob has agreed to transport on Monday and collect on Friday. It was agreed that Rob will be recompensed for his petrol and car usage. 3.3. SM advised that she had spoken to Tom Morrow's and agreed that they would remove the telephone number free of charge whilst the castle was in for repair and they will also remove the number free of charge from the Slide next time that is in. 3.4. There will be a charge for the present repair and SM is awaiting a quote.	RP / KS
4	4. NOTICE BOARD 4.1. KS advised that the notice board renewal is underway and will be put up as soon as it is ready.	KS

5	5. FAMILY CEILIDH 5.1. It had been agreed that this event cannot now go ahead owing to a lack of committee members available and the lack of a Public Entertainments Licence held by Invershin Hall.	
6	6. INSURANCE 6.1. SM advised that a quote had been received for the Public and Employer Liability Insurance for the Gala. Current policy expires on the 6 August and new quote is £666 covering the Gala week and up to 15 events during the course of the year. 6.2. It was unanimously agreed to cancel the insurance from 6 August and renew in the event the Gala committee continues after the AGM.	SM
7	7. 4 LEGGED RACE 7.1. The Gala had been asked to run a bar at the beginning of the event in September and also to provide the Bouncy Castle in the garden of the Bridge Hotel afterwards. Martin at the bridge is providing food and a bar after the event. 7.2. It was agreed that all would be willing to help even if the Gala did not continue after the AGM so long as the PTA provide the alcohol for the bar at the start.	
8	8. AGM 8.1. The AGM was confirmed as being Thursday 26 July at 7.30 at the Invershin Hotel. 8.2. SM confirmed that notices had been arranged with the Northern Times for the next 3 weeks and they were also going to do an article for the Gala encouraging new members to join. 8.3. Letters for the mail drop were distributed by SM and a date of Monday 9 July was agreed for all to meet to distribute to local villages. 8.4. Posters were distributed for all members. 8.5. It was agreed that as a minimum the committee needs to consist of 10 members, all of whom must be actively willing to engage in working and supporting the committee. Unless a minimum of 10 active members is achieved at the AGM the decision will be taken to close the Gala. 8.6. Decision was also agreed by all members that a week long Gala was unsustainable for the Gala committee to organise. Should the gala committee continue after the AGM it was agreed that a Weekend or possibly single Fun day would take the place of previous Gala format. 8.7. It was agreed that other organisations would be welcome to arrange events during the week if they chose to with the Gala committee confining their events to a weekend. 8.8. It was agreed that the current constitution required amendment in the event the Gala continues. This will be done at the AGM. SM to circulate the Constitution to all members who were asked to bring change requirements for consideration at the AGM. 8.9. IN THE EVENT OF GALA CLOSURE the committee were asked to consider the following for discussion at the AGM: 8.9.1. All monies in the Gala account after payment of any expenses will be required to be given to local KOS charity groups. How will it be decided who gets what? 8.9.2. The Bouncy Castle and Slide will need to be taken over by another organisation. How will it be decided who this will be? 8.9.3. The Blackboard is a valuable local resource and all felt it should continue. KS advised all that she is willing to continue to manage the Blackboard, collect monies due and when sufficient amounts accrue distribute these to local charity groups. Agreement to be reached at AGM.	<div>All </div> <div>SM ALL</div> <div>ALL ALL ALL</div>
9	9. CONTAINER 9.1. KS advised that her father is intending to sell his yard and the container needs to be relocated within the next few months. All were asked to try to find a new home for it. It will be sold if the Gala folds.	ALL
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING AGM 26 JULY 2012 at 1930 hrs at INVERSHIN HOTEL	