

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall AGM 1st November 2017

Present: Phil Mansell, Pat Ungless, Cherry Duncan, Agnes Bell, Jean Plater, Jon Smith, Graham Wood, Debbie Cox.

3 members of the community attended

Apologies from Hugh Watt, Christine MacDonald, Carol Pritchard.

1. Minutes of AGM 1st November 2016

Proposed by Phil and seconded by Jean, Minutes were accepted.

2. Matters Arising

Overhanging trees on boundary next to woods reported at previous AGM have not been cut back. There were no other matters arising from previous AGM.

3. Chairman's Report

Phil presented the following report:-

My fourth year as chairman is complete and I can report on another successful year overall, yet again with the support from the management committee that was needed to make things work. The hall is still well used but it would be good if it were more so. There are reports from the appropriate officers and representatives of individual groups on their particular spheres of interest.

There were no changes last year to the office bearers of the committee as there were no offers to take on the posts: Cherry Duncan agreed to do a further year as booking secretary and job share with Graham Wood; this seems to have worked well and she says she is willing continue for yet another year, if required. So is Graham. It would be beneficial to have new, younger members on the committee with fresh ideas to utilise the hall more fully, and to encourage the use of the facility for village activities.

This calendar year was seen in with another very successful Hogmanay evening. Thanks to Debbie and Lee for organising games for the children again, and to those who organised the bar and food, etc.. The monthly ceilidhs continue: a mixture of music, craic and dancing; visitors to the area came to savour the delights of our highland hospitality.

Lite Bites ran yet again this year, and was another success again thanks to the organising efforts of Clare Levings. She was aided by her band of willing contributors who manned the shop and supplied the goodies and bric—a—brac. It ran for three days over each of four weeks (apart from one day in respect for a funeral) and turned in a healthy sum again to help hall funds. Clare says she will not be continuing to organise Lite Bites: it is an onerous task and she feels, quite rightly, that she wants to retire from that responsibility. Thank you Clare for all the work you have put into that job. The committee feel that something should replace the event, but, as to what, we need ideas — and an organiser.

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Once again, thank you to the management committee for their support and still not laughing too loudly at my in committee howlers. Special thanks, of course to the office bearers for taking on the extra responsibilities.

Finally, to all those doing those other jobs that so often go unnoticed: keeping the hall clean, kitchen functioning, etc., and all the other unsung heroes I've forgotten to mention, and to whom I apologise, thank you.

4. Secretary's Report

The following Report was presented by Cherry.

Local User Groups

Bowls Monday (afternoon and evening)	October – April		
Music Group	Tuesday	Sept - June	
Yoga	Thursday	Sept - June	
Scottish Country Dancing	Thursday	Sept - April	
Painting Club	Friday	Sept - June	
Craft Club	Saturday	1 st and 3 rd of month	Sept - June
Ceilidh Nights	Saturday	2 nd of the month	
Glenurquhart and Glenmoriston Parish Church Service on the 1 st Sunday of the month at 3pm			

Other Hirers

Regular hirers over the past year have been the Glenmoriston Deer Group, Ambulance, N.H.S, Scottish Canals, Social Work and National Farmers Union.

Occasional lets were from Trees for Life, Highland Council for Elections, Community Company for 2 drop in evenings, Surgeries with Margaret Davidson, Morrison Construction, F.A. Camera Club, Love Productions, S.W.I and Vestas. Locals have hired the hall for Functions, small private parties and meetings.

Lets from September 2016 to August 2017

Weekly/Monthly Groups	163
Private 57 (includes 34 Yoga and 4 Functions)	
Commercial 26	
Free 53 (includes 13 Lite Bites and 11 Ceilidh Nights)	

The Weekly/Monthly lets are down by 11. Private lets are up by 8. Commercial are the same. Free lets are the same. Although Lite Bites and Ceilidh Nights are free lets they raise money for the hall.

Events

The Hogmanay Ceilidh was a very successful night as usual. In March we had a piano recital by Catherine Nardinello. Not many people attended which was a pity because it was a very good evening. Also in March the Ambulance had an open retiral evening for Kirsteen McKenzie who was retiring from the Service due to ill

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health. In April we had a Live Music Night organised by Maureen and Julie, which was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Clare organised a 3 Day Craft Market for local people in May. Lite Bites ran for 4 weeks during July/August. The monthly Ceilidh Nights continue with varying numbers. We lost 3 of our hall supporters this year. Isobel Greig in January Jean Dennison and Kirsteen McKenzie in August. There was a tea for Isobel and Jean in the hall after their funerals. Thank you to all who have helped support the hall in anyway during the past year.

On a bright note we are having Beavers starting in the hall in the middle of November and a strong possibility that Zumba will start up again soon

Dates for your Diary

Saturday	4th November	Craft Fayre	10am - 4.00pm.
Saturday	11th November	Ceilidh Night	8pm
Sunday	12th November	Remembrance Service	11am.
Saturday	9th December	Ceilidh Night	8pm
Saturday	16th December	Childrens' Christmas Party	
Sunday	17th December	Carol Service	3.00pm.
Sunday	31st December	Hogmanay Ceilidh	
Saturday	18th January 2018	Senior Citizens Dinner?	

5. Caretaker's Report

Fire Risk Assessment

This is still ongoing, contract has been accepted by Highland Testing, but as of yet have no start date.

The fire alarm has had its annual service and is all fine, one emergency light was replaced in the kitchen after it stopped working.

Hall Lighting.

This is going to be assessed by Highland Testing to see if it will be possible for him to replace, meeting room and kitchen should be okay, but main hall needs looking at to see what's involved.

Septic Tank.

The tank was emptied back in August, and should be okay now though to May/ June 2018, have had no problems with pumps, but this may have been because the toilets were closed to the public in August and in doing so no debris was getting through to the pump chamber to block them.

Meeting was held with the council on the 26/10/17 to discuss the issues, it went well, and they could see the problems, it remains to see if anything will happen.

Some people still having problems with the front door lock, seems to be a bit hit and miss on whether it will lock straight away or not.

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I was wondering if it was possible for the hall to apply for funding from either the Community Company or the SSE funding with regards to sorting out the septic tank.

Treasurers Report

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year was presented. This shows an increase to Hall Funds of £327. Receipts from Hall Hire are broadly in line with previous year. Costs of septic tank emptying and pump repairs continue to be high; these are offset by contributions from the Highland Council appearing under Receipts. New Hearing Aid Loop amplifier and a replacement fridge were purchased during the year.

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Receipts & Payments to 31 August 2017

Receipts		Payments	
Donations	£140	Heating Oil	£1,889
Highland Council	£3,345	Electricity (Including Toilets)	£1,777
SSE Wayleave	£42	Phone & Broadband	£638
Hall Hire Local	£1,991	Web Site	£72
Hall Hire Commercial	£2,370	Insurance	£966
Catering Services	£461	Accountancy	£75
Live Music Night	£540	Committee Expenses	£51
Ceilidh Nights	£520	Cleaning	£780
Lite Bites	£1,912	Kitchen Sundries	£40
Hogmanay	£1,275	Drainage Pumps Service	£1,830
Craft Market	£159	Septic Tank Emptying	£1,016
Bank Interest	£192	Boiler Service	£205
		Fire Systems Service	£181
		Repairs & Replacements	£450
		Caretaker Honorarium	£500
		Lite Bites	£469
		Live Music Night	£293
		Hogmanay	£796
		Catering Services	£224
		Hearing Aid Amplifier	£229
		Fridge	£139
Total Receipts	£12,947	Total Payments	£12,620

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Receipts		Payments	
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Reconciliation of Funds

	Funds 1/9/16		Funds 31/8/17
Current Account	£5,992		£6,341
Savings Account	£25,746		£62,828
Scottish Widows Account	£37,212		£0
Cash	£131		£239
Total Funds	£69,081		£69,408
Add Receipts	£12,947		
Less Payments	£ (12,620)		
Funds C/Fwd	£69,408		£69,408
Increase in Funds	£327		

6. Club Reports

A report was presented by each of the regular User Groups and Clubs. Individual reports are attached to these Minutes (Appendix A):-

Scottish Country Dancing - Report presented by Jean

Senior Citizens - No report received

Craft Club - Report presented by Debbie

Ceilidh Night - No formal report.

Children's Committee - Report submitted by Carol Pritchard

Bowls Club - Report received from Mathew Douglas

Errol reported that Liz Lennon, the Yoga teacher, had given up owing to health problems and that Elaine Minshull was continuing on a trial basis before deciding on a permanent programme, which might move to Tuesdays.

7. Election of Officers

Phil told the meeting that he would prefer to stand down as he believed that a new Chairperson would benefit the Committee in activity and ideas. Nobody present was prepared to offer themselves for election. Consequently Phil agreed to continue as Chairman for a further year, but indicated that this would be his final year.

Debbie agreed to consider becoming Vice Chair.

Cherry agreed to serve as Booking Secretary for a further year and Graham to continue to assist as required.

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Pat agreed to continue as Treasurer

As there were no other nominations the above were confirmed as continuing in office.

Carol had indicated before the meeting that she would prefer to step down if a replacement Minute Secretary was available and Clare Levings agreed to take over this position. Clare was elected as Minute Secretary, proposed by Phil and seconded by Cherry.

Robert Ungless offered to join the Committee and was duly elected, proposed by Cherry and seconded by Graham

8. AOB

Debbie reported that the Beavers would shortly be meeting regularly in the Hall. This was welcomed.

A point was raised regarding attendance of members of the Community at Hall Committee Meetings. This has always been encouraged but the dates of meetings is not properly publicised. Minute Secretary asked to put notices on boards of forthcoming Committee meetings.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Appendix A - Club Reports

Scottish Country Dance Group

The Scottish Country Dance Group continues to meet every Thursday from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

At the moment we are being ably taught and guided with the help of Cherry Duncan and Clare Levings and occasionally Robin Miller.

Our membership is 21 and we usually average about 12-14 people most weeks. Occasionally we participate in Dance Rallies in the area and also hold our own rally in April.

It has been food the term to have some new members join the group and hope this might encourage others to do so.

I think everybody would agree these are very enjoyable evenings and we would very much like to see them continue, so a big thank you to both Cherry and Clare.

Craft Club

We have had another very successful year, with good attendance at our twice monthly meetings.

Membership is a healthy, with 16 paid up members consisting of folk from Glenmoriston, Fort Augustus, Drumnadrochit and Glengarry Our members enjoy coming to meetings, bringing along whatever craft they fancy and sometimes they come just for the chat!

This year members have attended a Silver Clay workshop and a Willow Weaving workshop.

We have had two club bus trips to the Hobby Crafts & Stitching exhibitions held at the SECC in Glasgow, stopping on the way back for Fish & Chips at the Real FoodCafé in Tyndrum.

We have held our craft fayre in August, which and our November fayre is on Saturday 4th November

Both Fayres raise money for the club and the raffle money is donated to charity There is always a friendly welcome to anyone wishing to come along to our meetings.

Childrens Committee

We have held the Christmas party for local children since the last AGM. There were 14 children at that event and a variety of activities took place. Santa gave presents to all the children. Arrangements have been made for a Christmas Party this year and one of the entertainers has been booked. We are hoping that Santa will be available again – if not we may have to find someone to dress up.

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There are some more children living in the area so the party should be slightly bigger this year. One of the “new” Mums has been to one of our meetings and is willing to help with the planning and organisation. Any other volunteers would be very welcome.

We would like to thank the Hall Committee for allowing us to have a free let for this events.

Bowls

The Bowling Club meets every Monday from 15' week in 'October until last week in April when AGM is normally held.

We run two sessions each Monday 2.00pm 4 00pm and 7.30pm 9.30pm...

This season has seen a significant drop in session attendance figures, averaging only 6and 6 per session. The club competitions were suspended as a result.

At our AGM in April our members voted to purchase INDOOR KURLING EQUIPMENT to vary our activities and attract new members or old members back. We intend at some point to hold a free session for folks to come and try their hand.

The club maintains a reasonably healthy bank balance which allows us to charge minimal membership fees and nightly playing fees which allows us to pay our dues and ensures a cheap and lively sessions entertainment.