

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting 16th April 2018

Present: Agnes Bell, Debbie Cox, Cherry Duncan, Clare Levings, Christine MacDonald, Carol Pritchard, Jon Smith, Catherine Thomson, Patrick Ungless, Robert Ungless and Graham Wood.

- 1) **Apologies:** Phil Mansell Jean Plater and Hugh Watt.

In Phil's absence Patrick agreed to Chair the meeting.

- 2) **Minutes of Meeting 24th January 2018**

Cherry asked that Yoga be amended to be known as a local private hire as opposed to a club.

Proposed by Carol and seconded by Cherry.

- 3) **Matters Arising**

- a) **Fire Risk Assessment** – No progress to date. Jon to contact Andy to see if and when he might be in a position to finish the job. **Action: Jon.**
- b) **Order of St John Burns Supper** – Phil had received a letter of thanks from the Inverness Branch Committee who commented on how delighted they were with the evening.
- c) **Hogmanay** – Cherry reported that the band Cats Back from Balnain had been booked at a cost of £940. There are four musicians - fiddle, guitar, small pipes and whistle. Hogmanay to be put on to the agenda for September to begin promotion of the event.
- d) **Hall Signage** – no progress. Jon offered to collect the fixings needed for the sign. **Action: Jon**
- e) **Spring Clean** – following discussion the following was agreed:

Clare, Agnes and Catherine will deal with the kitchen, to include an inventory of crockery in particular checking out the quantity of white tea cups 7 saucers that are necessary to keep.

Jon will contact Errol about borrowing ladders for outside work and will then organise helpers.

Debbie and Cherry said they would sort out the 'club' etc storage room.

Bowling group to sort out the stage end storage room.

- f) **Community Action Steering Meeting** – Graham reported that the survey forms are now in the process of being analysed. There is to be an Open Day event on May 26th in Fort Augustus village hall from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. where it will be possible for everyone to drop in and see for themselves the results and to further comment on ideas following the results. It is hoped that there will be refreshments and various forms of entertainment as well as a presence by local groups going on during the allotted times.

It unfortunately clashes with the Craft Club's Craft Fayre – there is now a diary in Ft August P.O.

- g) **Hall Notices** – no further amendments.

h) Committee Details – no further amendments.

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4) **Fund Raising**

Following discussion various ideas came forward:

Whist/beetle drive, curry night and quiz, children's fun day and a duck race.

Curry night and quiz for the autumn – **ACTION: Debbie and Jon to look into this.**

Duck race. **ACTION: Cherry to see if she's still got the paperwork etc needed.**

N.B. 8th September there is the annual Kayak event on the River Moriston.

5) **Purchases**

Clare reported that when she and Catherine were working in the kitchen for Burns night they noticed a few items missing.

Not enough round bowls, not enough forks, the food thermometer didn't appear to work and the oven temperature didn't seem to keep the correct heat.

Debbie said that at craft club the following Saturday she would check out the oven with a thermometer the club has and report back to Clare.

It was agreed that following a stock stake Clare could purchase the required items.

6) **Public Toilets/Council**

Patrick reminded the Committee that following various meetings and communications over the last year the Council had agreed to undertake the design and scope of the remedial work necessary for the public toilets. A camera survey was carried out in February and subsequently the Council received a proposal for consultancy services for design of an upgraded drainage system. The Council has since advised that it is unable to fund the £5,750 cost of this consultancy in this financial year.

Following lengthy discussions various points were raised:

- Everyone agreed that ideally the toilets should remain as Public facilities.
- But not at any cost.
- No way the Hall should spend the vast sum required for the toilets to remain public.
- Should the Hall undertake the design and scope of work as remedial work will have to be done even for the hall use.
- The Council is introducing charges to some Toilets this year (charge for Ft Augustus being increased to 50p for 2018) Invermoriston is not on the list.

- Possibility that the toilets may have to close to the public.

It was also noted that the lease between the Council and the Hall is up for renewal in May 2019.

It was agreed that Patrick should initiate talks as to whether this lease would be renewed next year and to indicate that these remedial works would need to be ascertained and carried out before any future agreement was signed.

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7) **Secretary's Report – since 5th March 2018.**

Local Clubs

Private – Energise x 6. Yoga x 6

Free – Ceilidh night x 1

Cherry reported that she had sent back the form for the refuse collection and received the stickers which are on the bins. After discussion with Patrick and Jon we decided to reduce the green bin to 1 as we would have to pay £130 per annum for the 2nd one. Halls are now the same as household collections 1 of each colour is free. The spare bin is on the left hand side of the committee room fire exit door. It can be used for excess but only the bin with the sticker can go out for collection.

The Burns Night with the Order of St John was a great success.

The Dance Group's Annual Rally didn't have as many as expected as there was another dance on that night. It was a good evening though.

Unfortunately, the Ceilidh/Social night this month was cancelled due to lack of people able to attend.

Scottish Water have booked the hall on 1st May 3 p.m.-7.30 p.m. for a presentation about the new water system for Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston.

The Craft Club are having a Craft Fayre on the 26th May to replace the August one.

7) **Treasurer's Report** – previously circulated. Nothing further to report and financially sound.

8) **Caretaker's Report**

Rentokil are doing an inspection on Tuesday 17th April in the afternoon.

Toilets: no problem to date.

Rubbish Recycling: People were throwing all the wrong stuff in the blue bin after the Burns Supper; black bags, drink cases still wrapped in plastic and whatever was under that lot. I sorted out what was possible, but it needs to be remembered that the Council can refuse to empty it, if it contains the wrong stuff. There are notices in the kitchen as to what can and cannot be placed in the bin.

Oil Tank: This was to be filled recently but was halted as the driver seemed to think the tank was leaking into the bunding. Spoke with Errol and it more than likely seems it will be water getting, will investigate soon.

9) **A.O.C.B.**

i) Car Park refuse bins are often overflowing. Carol to approach Community Company to see if they could be emptied on a weekly basis by the area helpers assigned to Invermoriston.

ii) Carol mentioned that she has £150 available from funds received from the Kayak event and suggested that maybe this money could be used for flowers. This was agreed.

iii) It was mentioned that the broadband is not working.

10) **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 28th May at 8 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.50 p.m..