

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting 8th July 2019

Present: Clare Levings (Chair), Agnes Bell, Cherry Duncan, Jean Plater, Patrick Ungless, Robert Ungless, Catherine Thomson, Christine MacDonald, Jon Smith, Lynne West and Carol Pritchard.

Also present: Jeff Dymond, Margaret Davidson

1. **Apologies:** Debbie Cox, Phil Mansell and Hugh Watt.

2. **Minutes of Meeting 27th May 2019**

Proposed by Pat and seconded by Catherine

3. **Matters Arising**

a. **External works** - carry forward.

b. **Assistance with caretaker role** - carry forward

c. **Compliance**

a. Fire exits all in order, new Fire Signs fitted, fitted break seal to exit door from toilet area

d. **Microwave** - purchased a new one and disposed of old one

e. **First Aid kit** - has been purchased

f. **Purchase of kit for film nights/quiz** - have purchased a screen. Need a sub-group to complete funding application by August. Kit list prepared

g. **New sign** - one has been purchased and is being used.

4. **Booking Form**

Robert had drafted a new booking form which was approved subject to there being a reference on the front page to whether or not alcohol will be available at the event. The “house rules” referred to are being prepared. It was noted that we have no insurance for bouncy castles. We will not agree to

have bouncy castles at any event unless the hirer has arranged such insurance cover.

5. Public Toilets

The Community Council are now concerned about the loss of the facility and Jeff Dymond attended on their behalf. Margaret Davidson was also present as our representative on the Highland Council. There was a discussion about the history of the public toilets in the hall, the attempts to reach a new agreement with the Highland Council and the current impact on the community. There have been numerous complaints about the lack of facilities to and from local people, to the Community Council and to the Highland Council. There may be a public health issue. Jon Smith reported that the pumps are broken and that the soakaway is overflowing. The toilets can function for the hall users but not for the additional use by the public, particularly coaches.

Margaret Davidson confirmed that the Highland Council was willing to pay for a feasibility study to report on what works needed to be done to make the toilets fit for purpose, but that the Council would wish the toilets to be reopened to the public in the meantime. As it seems the toilets could not cope with being used by the public at present she suggested that an engineer from the Council could come and inspect the facilities with Jon to assess their current state and what needed to be done for them to reopen. The Council may agree to empty the tanks frequently if that would allow the toilets to open. There could be negotiations about length of opening, cleaning, security measures between the toilets and the hall, percentage of any takings to be shared etc. if the Committee agreed a temporary reopening.

The Committee asked about the possibility of a short and a long term agreement at this stage, whether there could be portaloos in the car park and the timetable for the feasibility study. These queries could not be answered at the meeting.

Agreed: 1. The Highland Council arrange for an engineer/competent person to look at the current state of the toilets and assess whether they could be used safely at the present time, and if not what help would be required to open them in the interim.

2. Following receipt of the engineer's report and any necessary interim agreement with the Highland Council relating to opening hours, cleaning, emptying of the septic tank etc the Hall Committee to make a decision on whether the toilets can be reopened to the public

3. Subject to 1 and 2 above the Council expressed a willingness to instruct and fund a feasibility study on the design that would be required for the toilets to be used by the public in the long term.

4. in the meantime the impact of what is happening be assessed.

6. Caretakers Report

Oil tank will be filled this week

Parts of the hall floor are wearing out - please can the dancers change their usual positions slightly to even up the wear.

There is a new heating programmer that is more accurate than the old one for setting times and zones. Jon asked whether he should buy a spare while they are still available. **Agreed** - not to purchase another one until it is needed.

Suggested changing the storage area in the toilets to provide more shelving etc. - **agreed** to put this on hold until we know whether the toilets will reopen to the public.

Pat has not received the April bill from Erik's. **Jon to chase** again as this bill should be paid by the Council.

7. Secretary's Report - 26th May to 7th July 2019

Local clubs - Craft Club and 1 x Scottish Dance

Private lets - Music x 5, Beavers x 4, Zumba x 5.

Commercial - Catherine Nardiello

Free -Ceilidh night, Kirk x 2, Fundraising meeting, Senior Citizens AGM, Ceilidh dancing.

Zumba finished last week as Trish Cheeseman is moving out of the area.

Fortunately Debbie has agreed to take it over and will be starting towards the end of September after she has done her training.

There were only 10 people at the concert by Catherine Nardiello but she did not seem disappointed. The Ceilidh dancing started last Thursday with 16 attending, 6 of whom were visitors. We had a good evening and hopefully the next 5 weeks will attract more visitors.

Cream teas start this week and will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2.00 - 4.00 pm for 6 weeks.

Next quiz night is on 20th July. There are 2 functions booked for August.

8. **Treasurer's Report** - circulated at the meeting and attached.

There was a bar at the Ceilidh which brought in some income. Some people brought their own drink but it is hoped the bar will be a success.

9. **Fundraising**

- a. The DJ has been booked for the "not the St Andrew's Night" on 9 November. Will probably be from 7.30 for 8.00 until midnight. Will discuss format - possibly a masked ball.
- b. Canoeists on 14th September. No events in the hall during the day. **Carol** to suggest to them that they use the shop in the morning and we provide soup, sandwich and cake between 1.00 and 4.00 or 5.00 pm.
- c. Quiz Night - next one 20th July. Will not use the snakes and ladders anymore. Have a tea break in the middle but nothing at the end. Review format once it has been running for a year and consider adding catering at that stage.

10. **Any Other Business**

- a. Sharon Ferguson of Community Company contacted us to introduce the new executive officer, Angela. We have suggested that she come to one of the upcoming events to meet some of us.
- b. Who to contact about checking defibrillator - Cherry or Debbie
- c. Chairs - racks being made to stack new ones. **Discuss** what to do with old chairs at next meeting.

11. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 8 p.m.