

Minutes of AGM held in Kinlochard Village Hall on 9th December 2012 at 4.45 p.m.

Present:

Bridget Lewis (Chair), James Murray-Brown (Treasurer), Katy Lamb (Secretary), Peter & Marjory Salgo, Fergus Wood (Trustee), John Lewis, Catherine & Bernard Love, Jane Jackson, Gillian Lester, James Kennedy, Colin & Linda Stewart, Elaine Bruce, Maria Facenna, John MCGregor, Margaret Neufeld,

Welcome

Bridget welcomed all to the meeting

Apologies

Apologies had been received from: Colin & Ann Boyd, Gregor Wood, Eddie Wright, Fiona McLean

Minutes of AGM held on 11th December 2011

There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere

The minutes were proposed by Colin Stewart and seconded by Linda Stewart

Chairman's Report

It had been another successful year for the hall with good local use as well as financially sustaining outside lets. The building work was all complete and the charge on the Hall which Stirling Council held to cover the Bridging arrangements, had been discharged at the end of financial year 2011-12.

The retention payment had been made to the builder at the start of 2012-13 financial year.

There had been sufficient fund raising and let revenue to equip the hall with stage lights and curtains.

The entertainment sub-committee had not materialised but new groups such as the choir and book group had started and also different members of the community had hired the hall for various informal evenings.

It was hoped to arrange a race night next year and some other ideas may be forthcoming from an informal gathering to be held next week.

Bridget said that there had been good support for the Hall and she would particularly like to thank Colin Boyd and Colin Thomson who were always very helpful when something stopped working or fell off ect!

Stu Oakey had also done a great job cutting the grass and relieved Colin B of the task.

George was also thanked for cutting the field.

Some investigations had been done into cooling the building without midges getting in and it was hoped that some form of ventilation/cooling system would be fitted in 2013.

After much discussion it had been decided to hold the gala/games in 2013. Jane Jackson had done a survey of those with young children and found that there was an overwhelming opinion to continue the occasion.

In an effort to cut down the workload of the few, it had been decided to move all refreshments, tombolas etc to the hall and to separate areas of responsibility into small tranches to be taken on in total by specific people.

There are still a couple of gaps – so any suggestions volunteers are welcome – list as attached.

To be held on Sunday 14th July 2012

Colin Stewart was thanked for the web site, which was a great source of publicity and vehicle for local information exchange. There was also a Hall Facebook page (please get all your friends to "like" it).

Bridget also updated the meeting on the Kinlochard Web cam which took a photo of the loch every 30 mins, thus giving a live update of the weather etc – it was situated in the sunroom window.

Linda Stewart, Minister of Aberfoyle Kirk and Trustee of KVH, had now left the area. Bridget was going to write to thank her for the help she had given KVH particularly during the building phase and all the paperwork and signatures that required. Katy suggested that the constitution (which had been there since inception in the 1950s) may need updating as that just left Fergus, nominated Councillor, as Trustee since the Bank Manager had resigned and there was no longer a school teacher. When undertaking the Keystone "kitemark" she would look at the relevance of changing it along with help from Jean Cowie at Stirling Council.

Fergus suggested Owen Mckee as a possible Trustee if it transpired that we still needed a set number of Trustees.

Bridget asked Katy to go through the booking stats. In financial year 2011-12, there had been 150 let sessions. The split was 78% local, 22% outwith 387 phone area. Financially the split was reversed. 25% of let revenue coming from local and 75% from outwith. In rough terms over £4k was required for revenue costs (excluding unexpected repairs etc) and local lets generated less than £1500. It was thus essential to have some outside lets a) to ensure the hall is financially sustainable and b) to ensure local let rates are kept financially assessable.

It was hoped that the right balance was being maintained and to date there had been no major problems with facilities not being available for local requests.

Outwith rates for weddings and private parties had been reviewed and increased significantly. Security deposits for these events had also been increased

James Kennedy supported the point on accessible local rates and cited The Book group as example of a group that was now thriving having been able to start off without the worry of high oncosts having to be met. Gillian asked if security/deposit covered all damages. The outside deposit had been raised to £200 and £100 for weddings and parties respectively but it was impossible to say if that would cover all damages that we may have the misfortune to sustain. There was always recourse to Police for criminal damage and insurance for unexpected accidental damage. In response to questions on cancellation charges, Katy explained that if greater than 30days, 10% cancellation fee could be payable – there had not been many cancellations and discretion was used. T&C have full fee being paid if <30 days, again discretion is used with each case being judged on its merits- so far very few anyway

Katy also mentioned that a number of auxiliary items had been purchased and these could be used either during lets or in a domestic environment on request. Details could be obtained from Committee Members She also mentioned that apart from ventilation, an outside tap was on the wish list

Treasurer's Report

James spoke to the accounts already circulated.

He detailed the figures comparing 2011/2012 with 2010/2011 for income and expenditure. The accounts were back to the receipts and payments layout as we were under the £250K threshold which we over last year due to grants for building and thus required to submit fully accrued accounts last year.

We had a good surplus of which £9K has since been paid to builders for retention fee. This was in line with the Committees policy to build up a fabric fund for repairs and some capital projects

There were some questions on restricted funds. James pointed out that the contribution from the gala for financial year 2012-13 had been considerably lower than usual, due to weather and deliberate reduction in possible revenue due to cutting back tombolas, raffles and auction as it was felt now the hall was built that local businesses had done enough. This reduction, however would be offset by revenue from Phil & Aly concert due the reduction in their fees because of a date change

Nomination of Office Bearers

Bridget, Katy and James were willing to stand for re-election and there were no nominations from the floor. They were proposed by Fergus and seconded by Colin Thomson

There were no new names to stand for the Committee and all current members were willing to stand again The Committee was thus proposed en masse by Katy and seconded by Bridget

AOB

Trossachs Search & Rescue

Heartstart Classes and Defibrillator

Katy went over the request received from SAR to site a defibrillator in an external cabinet at the hall. The hall would be involved in siting the cabinet and providing electricity to the equipment

There had been a lot of work showing how this equipment could significantly increase survival rates SAR were also going to run Heart Start classes on Monday 7th January and Thursday 10th January at 7.30 in the hall which were open to all and free of charge. The meeting agreed that the hall should facilitate the defibrillator and quite a number felt they would like to attend the classes. Katy would report back to SAR Margaret asked that posters for the classes be given to her so she could cover Inversnaid and Stronie

Receipts-James K asked that the book group be provided with receipts for let fees – James MB would arrange

John Lewis – Asked about Vodaphone possibly covering the Village by means of mastless technology

Katy & Bridget explained that it was not yet 100% certain that we would get it and Fergus gave further details he had gleaned. John also felt that greater mobile coverage should be encouraged from a safety side (ie up a hill – out walking and fall etc) Fergus assured him that as a councillor he was lobbying for greater coverage

Parking and Hall use; There was discussion on cars potentially preventing Fire Engines or ambulances getting past. Katy said the Committee could not be responsible for each individual car but parking and access in general was gone over with folk letting the hall. It was also pointed out that owners of any possible obstructing cars would be in the hall and readily available to move it if necessary in an emergency. Bridget had been monitoring things and had got exact measurements required from the fire authorities. She confirmed that she had always found there to be sufficient room on all the occasions she had investigated

New Years Day Ceilidh

Tickets are available from Katy, Bridget and Fergus – spread the word

Community Choir – Along with Kinlochard Kids and toddlers – In the Hall Thursday 20th December 6.30pm
09/12/12