

**Applecross Community Hall Committee Meeting 24/06/2025 at 7.00pm (Applecross Hall & online)**  
**Minutes**

Minutes taken by Saara Viitanen

Present: Barbara Gillies (BG), Saara Viitanen (SV), Anne Macrae (AM), Rhona McPartlin (RM), Ishbel Ferguson (IF)

Apologies: Agnes Rymowicz (AR), Elodie Matthews (EM), Christian Burgin (CB)

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 27/05/2025**

- AM proposed, RM seconded the minutes.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- BG reported that CB is finalising the accounts with the accountant.
- BG to write reports summarising spending to support accounts.
- BG reported via CB that the insurance premium increased by about £360 to £1,200, but is still competitive compared to other providers.
- BG noted that Morrisons deliveries might reduce days in Applecross. Awaiting flyers to promote delivery days.

#### **Children's Mental Health & Wellbeing Grant**

- There had been a suggestion for £500 for shinty helmets from the children's mental health & wellbeing grant pot. The request was sent back to be discussed by the parents' group.

#### **Adults Mental Health & Wellbeing Grant**

- The adults' mental health & wellbeing grant pot must be used by the end of July. Current activities covered by the grant are yoga (twice a week), Zumba (once a week), mother-toddler group and the foot therapist's travel and room hire. The estimated remaining balance after current expenses is £374.
- There was a proposal to spend £159 on pickleball equipment. Everyone in the meeting was in agreement.

- Isabelle plans to run a beginner yoga class (block of six sessions) in August. It was agreed that this would be supported by the funding since yoga is already a supported activity under the grant.
- Suggestions for using the rest included kitchen items (e.g. dishes that often go missing). Continue discussion on group chat.
- Suggestion to include community mental health and wellbeing activities in future grant applications to cover hall running costs and expenses.
- BG to inform all beneficiaries that the funding is coming to an end.

### Future Funding

- There was a general discussion about funding and what health & wellbeing activities to include in future grant applications.
- Current bank balance is sufficient, but not sustainable without future funding. Room hire fees don't cover full costs, leaving a significant shortfall. Previous grants have been cushioning operational costs.
- The committee is grateful for the hall's current funders.
- BG to draw up a summary of core expenses for the next committee meeting.

### Bar Report

- The bar was open on evening of the Art Exhibition and Film Night.
- Wooden shelves have been secured by Dave and the iPad stand has been replaced.

### Report of Action Points

#### Toddler Playpark

- Some items had been purchased by AM for the toddler area. Assembly is delayed until the exact location is decided.
- AM to speak to toddler parents to arrange a day they could help with the assembly and repainting of the fence.
- Having agreed the choice of new Kompan play equipment to be installed in the Highland Council play park with Amenities Officer Doug Miles back in March, AM has asked Highland Council to clarify a timetable of when work will start.

#### Performance Events

- Feis Rois 8th August

- Gareth the Magician 30th July
- Support for set up and supervision for both events is needed.
- BG mentioned Touring Network funding option (approx. £2,000 available), potentially for next year.

### Building Maintenance

- BG is following up on various bits of maintenance.
- The gas bottle must now be turned off after use, each time. A sign will be put up to remind users.
- Dishwasher pump still broken – needs follow-up visit from contractor.
- Current kitchen repair bills: £700 already paid for inspection, repairs and partial fixes. Another invoice expected for dishwasher repair.
- There is an issue with the main hall lights. BG to organise scaffolding and another investigation by electrician.

### Governance & Policies

- As some committee members have left/are stepping down, responsibilities regarding the policies need to be reassigned.
- BG liaising with some other volunteers outwith the committee about the fire safety procedures.
- Discussion about recruiting new committee members/volunteers due to some stepping down. AM to create a Facebook post.

### Community Activities

- The Lunch Club has been nominated for an award, expecting to hear back in August.
- There was a discussion about funding the seniors' Christmas dinner. Considering a strupag to raise funds. BG to check bank statements to confirm previous funding amounts.
- BG to investigate options for hairdresser to start visiting the hall again.

### AOB

- No other business was raised.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting date is Tuesday 15th July at 7pm.

BG concluded the meeting.