

**Applecross Community Hall Committee Meeting 25/03/2024 at 7pm (Applecross Hall & online)
Minutes**

Minutes taken by Saara Viitanen

Present: Barbara Gillies (BG), Ishbel Ferguson (IF), Saara Viitanen (SV), Anne Macrae (AM), Agnes Rymowicz (AR), Christian Burgin (CB), Rhona McPartlin (RM), Elodie Matthews (EM), April Maria Hingley (AMH), Daniella Joyce (DJ)

Apologies: -

Agenda items

Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 26/02/23

- There was a note for SV to add playpark as an item in the action tracker.
- Committee approved the previous meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report

- CB is working on finalising the last financial year's accounts.
- CB to make a pie chart of income and expenditure for the last financial year for the noticeboard.
- CB has applied for a discount in the water rates.
- CB will circulate the Profit and Loss sheet to the committee.

Bar report

- AM has started a cheat sheet for the bar.
- Need to advertise for more volunteer bar staff at events. BG to lead.
- AM to organise the restock of the bar for May.
- There might be a need to transfer the premises manager licence to a new holder. AR is willing but needs to do her personal licence course first.

Report of action points

Toddler playpark improvements

- AMH has looked into a bursary scheme and a grant funding scheme towards the playpark improvements. An idea was also raised to host a fundraiser event. **AMH to contact Caty about this.** AMH is to get access from Megan to the playgroup fund, which could be used towards the playpark improvements.
- AMH would like some support from others interested in helping with this project and she will liaise with other parents.
- The next step is to cost the equipment. **AMH to contact George about helping with this project.**

Raffle prizes

- BG raised the question of ideas for raffle prizes. Some ideas included approaching local distilleries. **EM and AR to approach their contacts for prize donations.**

Funding

Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults

- There is £6,390 remaining in the pot. BG asked for ideas for projects within this project. Some ideas included an art class, singing, silent disco and indoor rollerskating. **All to think about more ideas and approach any potential contacts.**
- **AM to post in local Facebook groups for a mobile hairdresser to come to the hall.** The fund could cover travel expenses.
- **CB to check the insurance policy for cover on rollerskating (and the playpark).**

Community Infrastructure Support fund

- BG opened the floor for ideas to apply for this fund. Car park drainage improvements were raised as a priority.
- **DJ to ask Sean for ideas on who to contact for drain cleaning (and also monitoring the oil levels).**

Events

- **BG to make a poster about upcoming events for the noticeboard.**
- August event was suggested to be around the raft race / fishing competition weekend. **BG to contact the relevant people.**
- A band is required for Hogmanay, and BG opened the floor for ideas. Committee discussed some options, and **BG is to contact Sean for ideas too.**

- The Alice in VR Wonderland experience still has tickets available - all to promote this event to their friends, family and neighbours.

Building maintenance

- The men's toilet wall needs repainted. BG to contact George.
- BG to contact Ewen again about the front door handrail.
- The storage room shelves need gradually organised.
- The sports / PE equipment needs organised and AR is leading this. BG will bring more storage boxes in.
- EM, BG and Megan have completed a spring clean of the kitchen. BG to ask for help from the lunch club for the cooker and the freezer.
- BG to get a cost of the outdoor paint.

New items

Proposed sports pitch

- There has been an idea raised in the Applecross Forum to set up a sports pitch near the hall by a group in the community and the committee had been approached by them for feedback.
- It was noted that the hall does not own this piece of land.
- Some concerns were raised about visual disturbances and car parking space. There was also discussion about the possible new station for the Coastguard being potentially built around the fire station.
- There was a mix of views within the committee. It was suggested that this project should be consulted more widely in the community and members of the committee would take part in the consultation.

AOB

- The sharing table has been very popular and there was a suggestion of getting a small glass-fronted fridge. AM / AR to cost this and look for possible funding for this.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7pm.

BG concluded the meeting.