

**Applecross Community Hall Committee Meeting 17/4/2023 at 7pm (Applecross Hall)  
Minutes**

Minutes taken by Anne Macrae

Present: Barbara Gillies (BG), Rhona McPartlin (RM), Anne Macrae (AM), Sean Kilbride (SK), Agnes Rymowicz (AR)

Apologies: Saara Viitanen (SV), Ishbel Ferguson (IF), Christian Burgin (CB)

**Agenda items**

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 20/3/23**

Committee approved the minutes with the addition that it had been suggested to ask Tery McCowan for any ideas on colour designs when refreshing the internal paint work. It was also noted that the Tracker sent by BG was longer than intended and we only needed to look at the last 3 pages.

**Treasurer's report**

- We are still awaiting the £2,500 pledged by Applecross Trust. BG had gained verbal confirmation from Archie at the recent Forum meeting that this was in hand. She has emailed Archie copying in Jess to enquire about the funding.
- Lunch Club received Age Concern funding. £400 of this will go towards kitchen equipment and orders are already made for items such as soup ladles etc.
- SK highlighted a need for the electrician to complete work on the cooker canopy in the kitchen as it is too noisy when on at full blast. It was thought work might cost around £300.
- Barbara has given Jack Marris £100 towards the cost of all the printing he has kindly done for the hall, posters etc. Jack has recently purchased a new laser printer which is situated in the Gallery and which we are welcome to use.

**Bar report**

- Nothing to report.

**Report of action points**

**Events**

- BG gave an overview of events planned using some of the £2,000 allocated for performances. These include 'Make Up' a one man show for adults on Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June, with two accompanying theatre workshops for children and young people the following day that have a focus on confidence building and comedy skills. Gareth the Magician is also scheduled for 6pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- BG has contacted Wester Ross Biosphere regarding the possibility of getting a visiting Planetarium to Applecross during their Dark Skies events planned for November 2023. She has still to receive a reply. AM or SV to follow this up with WRB.
- It was agreed that a later start for some events might be beneficial over summer months and that communicating the format and times of events (concert, dance etc) would be helpful. Seating options and hall capacity discussed. Adam Holmes now to start at 8pm rather than 7.30pm. Duncan Chisolm is bringing his own PA.
- We have Public Liability Insurance up to 5 million and the Premises Licence is now being handed over from David to Tom. We will miss Elaine and David behind the bar and will welcome any other volunteers to work alongside Tom, Derek, AM, AR, Caty and SV as the more we have the better, enabling swaps and shorter shifts at events such as games nights or late night dances.
- The recent proposed Games Night was cancelled as there was so much on but it was noted how popular these occasions are with all ages attending and another Social Night is proposed for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, the long weekend.
- The hairdresser was at the Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> April and it is hoped to advertise her next date once confirmed.
- Technical support will be required for setting up the Adam Holmes concert and the Addie Harper ceilidh on the 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. AR noted that this was also Henry's birthday and she would like to book the hall earlier in the day.
- Cinema – The Regional Screen Network offer £2,000 to support cinema events. It is hoped to order a new tension screen for the lounge and any money left over can go towards licensing films.
- AM and BG attended an online Touring Network Showcase on Monday where several performers outlined their acts and possible tour dates. Other venues represented included Arnisdale, Eden Court and the Isle of Kerrera by Oban. There is also an online Micro Network Meeting scheduled for the coming Wednesday (19<sup>th</sup>) afternoon when more will be discussed.
- BG hopes to continue liaising with Jenny in Arnisdale regarding Hopscotch Theatre performing.
- The Music Licence is due on April 30<sup>th</sup> and is on CB's radar.
- Discussion took place regarding it being 21 years since building the current Hall was completed in November 2002. We hope to continue creating a collection of photos and memories of the hall through the decades. The previous building also thought to have been 21 years when demolished.
- It was suggested a Games Night could be held on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> November and a whole Community Party Ceilidh held on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> December when local musicians could play on stage. (The Christmas Market is also scheduled for 5pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.)

## Building

- **CB is sourcing an energy monitor.** SK explained it should be possible to connect wirelessly between the meter in the cupboard and the kitchen which would help display how much energy is being used.
- SK has mended the light tube fixing in the chair store but changing to a low profile round light fitting may be better.
- George to start maintenance tasks after Easter from now on. Taping and filling needing done after plastering ceiling in the boiler room.
- **Barbara to speak to Chris about the tree to rear of building.**
- There has been no reply from Scott MacKay, electrician, regarding the two lights which are not working.
- **SK agreed to replace a light bulb in one of the round corridor lights.**
- The new toilet roll holders have arrived and it is hoped to have them fixed in place soon.
- There has been a red letter from OSCR regarding submission of accounts which CB is responding to.
- SK highlighted a need to obtain keys for setting off alarms to test on a weekly basis.
- Plasterboard fixings are also required to enable fixing the canopy drapes in the main hall.
- It was noted that windows could do with washing and glass cleaned by front door. BG to enquire about recent window cleaning and gutter clearance services around the Heritage Centre. Our own Hall Cleaners might also be interested in extra hours.
- As Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May has been earmarked 'Volunteer Day' and is a holiday marking King Charles' Coronation, AM wondered about inviting volunteers to the hall to help Spring Clean and tidy the outside surroundings (litter, grass, reeds in play area etc) prior to the next wedding 29-30<sup>th</sup> May. Perhaps an hour or so followed by a picnic or treat to celebrate our own volunteers who do so much in many ways. However it was felt there would not be much uptake or interest if linked to Coronation Weekend.

## AOB

- No other business raised.

Next meeting date TBC.

BG concluded the meeting.