

**Applecross Community Hall Committee Meeting 14/12/2021 at 6:30pm (Zoom)  
Minutes**

Minutes taken by Saara Viitanen

Present: Jack Marris (JM), Sean KilBride (SK), Kirsten Glover (KG), Saara Viitanen (SV), Rhona MacPartlin (RM)

Apologies: Jon Barnett (JB), Ishbel Ferguson (IF), David Davidson (DD)

Agenda items	Action point	Action completed by
<p><b>Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 16/11/21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed by KG, seconded by JM.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Treasurer's report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank balance was £233.96.</li> <li>Kathrine Mackie, Chair of the Applecross Forum, had stepped down and generously donated her honorarium of £1,500 to the Hall. The committee give their thanks to her.</li> <li>Outgoings in December and January include cleaning, water, bar licence.</li> <li>JM is contacting local organisations, including the Applecross Trust, Community Company and Community Council, about possible funding, and SV applying for project-specific grant funding.</li> <li>JM presented in Applecross Forum meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December about the Hall applying for the community benefit of £5,000 from the Callakille hydro scheme. This community benefit is currently part of the 'community pot' and held by Applecross Trust until a SCIO for the distribution of the community pot and the eligibility criteria have been created. The Hall is proposing that as the Hall's situation is emergent, the Hall would greatly benefit from the community benefit. The Applecross Trust had concerns about the Hall's legal status and the proposed change into a SCIO, but it was unclear what these concerns are exactly. If the concern was about resigned Trustees, this would not be an issue, as the committee would ensure new Trustees lined up would be brought as soon as possible. JM had also contacted the contractors of the hydro</li> </ul>	JM, SV	ASAP

<p>station and they reported they were not in a position to reward the funds to the Hall directly, as they had issues with cashflow. Applecross Trust had also suggested a loan to the Hall, but the committee was in agreement that this is not viable. JM to follow up. The committee thanked JM for all his efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JM, SV and all to keep an eye out for any possible funding under the newly introduced Covid regulations.</li> <li>• A raffle is being organised. The Walled Garden and Inn are helping with selling tickets. KG to confirm and circulate list of prices, advertise on Facebook and look for bigger size tickets. Draw on Burns Night.</li> <li>• JM/TO to update about council tax relief in next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>JM All KG JM/TO</p>	<p>ASAP ASAP ASAP Next meeting</p>
<p><b>Bar report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DD/JM did a stock check, most drinks (about 500 bottles/cans) unfortunately out of date. Spirits and wine left.</li> <li>• Applecross Brewery kindly to donate 6 boxes of beer. The committee give their thanks to the folks at the brewery.</li> <li>• £175 bar income from Blas concert in November.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Action points from previous meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Action point</b></p>	<p><b>Action completed by</b></p>
<p><b>SCIO incorporation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JM, SV and SK to meet before 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hire rates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM/KG to discuss in the new year and give an update in next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fireproof canopy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £200 quoted for normal materials, but unable to find a quote for fireproof material. All to look for fire retardant materials.</li> </ul>	<p>JM, SV, SK RM, KG All</p>	<p>ASAP ASAP ASAP</p>

<p><b>Film licence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KG looked into getting a licence to show films at the Hall, which is £179/year currently from Motion Picture Licencing Co Ltd. Price will go up in 2022. There are restrictions around advertising and tickets and it is unclear which films are included.</li> <li>• Need to research how other communities do this and source a better projector, comfortable seats and/or bean bags.</li> <li>• Committee agreed to hold off on this due to the new Covid restrictions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KG had decided to step down from the committee. The committee thanks Kirsten for all her efforts.</li> <li>• The future of events at the Hall is unclear with changing Covid restrictions. KG identified that funding for summer events would be beneficial.</li> <li>• SV to post a call on Facebook for a new events manager and general committee members.</li> <li>• The committee decided not to have a Hogmanay event due to the new Covid guidance/restrictions.</li> </ul> <p><b>General maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SK discussed the connection of the new cooker hood with the electrician and a controller has been ordered, awaiting delivery. The installation will take approx. 1 hour.</li> <li>• SK to look up price of 2 gas hoses and let JM know.</li> <li>• No progress with the boiler service – to be held off for now.</li> <li>• SK to have a look at payphone socket.</li> </ul>	<p>SV</p> <p>SK</p> <p>SK</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p><b>Bookings</b></p>	<p><b>Action point</b></p>	<p><b>Action completed by</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unfortunately due to Covid guidance the over 60s Christmas dinner and the festive</li> </ul>		

<p>afternoon tea had had to be cancelled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The children’s Christmas party has been moved outdoors. JM to confirm with parents council.</li> <li>• Gaelic classes have been moved onto Zoom.</li> <li>• According to the new guidance, 3 households or less can meet indoors. RM to contact regular bookers and ask them to communicate when they are planning to start bookings again.</li> <li>• KG to post on Facebook about cancellation of events and new Covid guidance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kitchen bookings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SK to check with Highland Council what is needed for charities to hire out kitchen. KG to pass on contact details.</li> </ul> <p><b>Duathlon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JM noted that emails had been sent about the future of the Applecross Duathlon. There is potential for the committee to help to make this an event which could bring more income to the Hall. Currently the duathlon brings £500-£1,500/year with a £6 entry fee. A meeting to discuss this with duathlon volunteers is to be held at the end of January and all interested are welcome to join. The committee agreed that the duathlon should continue, but details of the committee’s involvement should be discussed – time, skills, contacts, capacity of the committee, forming a separate management group possibly under the umbrella of the Hall, etc.</li> <li>• JM to copy SK and KG into emails about this.</li> </ul>	<p>JM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>KG</p> <p>SK, KG</p> <p>JM</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p><b>Action point</b></p>	<p><b>Action completed by</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No other business raised.</li> </ul>		

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Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6:30pm.

JM concluded the meeting.