

**Applecross Community Hall Committee Meeting 25/9/2023 at 7pm (Applecross Hall)
Minutes**

Minutes taken by Saara Viitanen

Present: Barbara Gillies (BG), Saara Viitanen (SV), Sean KilBride (SK), Ishbel Ferguson (IF), Anne Macrae (AM), Agnes Rymowicz (AR)

Apologies: Rhona McPartlin (RM), Debs Carr (DC), Christian Burgin (CB)

Agenda items

Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 21/8/23

Committee approved the minutes.

Treasurer's report

- CB has circulated the monthly profit and loss sheet to the committee. The bank account looks healthy.
- BG suggested that some of the kind donations received from local businesses and organisations are used to spend on the hearing loop equipment (approx. £1,400). Committee agreed, **BG to get in touch with the hearing loop company.**
- Two-year electricity contract secured by CB.
- Electricians have put in an electricity smart meter, which is in the kitchen.

Bar report

- **AM still in progress of creating a checklist for opening / closing the bar.**
- Discussion about engaging paid bar staff for Hogmanay. Easier for bigger events to have multiple people on shifts. **BG to talk to the Applecross Inn. AM to start the form for the occasional licence.**
- It was noted that the bar did well for Rhythmnreel and Duathlon Ceilidh.

Report of action points

Performance events

- **AM to clarify about bar opening for a private event next summer.**

- Hall 21st birthday in November – calendar is busy for November, so committee agreed to look for old photos and stories and upload them on the website / Facebook.
- General discussion about the organisation of various events this year and in future – duathlon ceilidh, Hogmanay, over 60s Christmas dinner. **BG to discuss the over 60s Christmas dinner with Judith.**

Building / maintenance

- The boiler room ceiling is nearly completed. **The inside walls need painted, including the boiler room. BG to action.**
- **SK to keep monitoring the roof condition.**
- George to fix the gutters and complete window masticking, **BG to follow up with him.**
- Discussion about funding for redecoration / painting – BG has identified a possible grant fund. Discussion about choosing colours / patterns – some paint leftover in cleaning cupboard which needs checking if it's still usable. **BG to ask RM for some quotes for curtains.**
- SK reports that there is $\frac{1}{3}$ left in the oil tank – **SK to keep monitoring monthly.**
- Storage cupboard needs organised and boxes labelled.
- Sports equipment is needed organising and put into boxes – **AR and Suzanne to action.**
- **BG to find out about previous gas bottle refill.**

SCIO

- Discussion about appointing interim trustees for current organisation before winding down. **BG to clarify with CB what the next steps are.**

Website

- RM has had a look at the website text and did not have any changes.
- Suggestion that website needs more pictures.

AOB

- No other business raised.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 23rd October 2023 at 7pm.

BG concluded the meeting.