

**Applecross Community Hall Committee Meeting 29/01/2024 at 7pm (Applecross Hall & online)
Minutes**

Minutes taken by Saara Viitanen

Present: Barbara Gillies (BG), Saara Viitanen (SV), Sean KilBride (SK), Anne Macrae (AM), Agnes Rymowicz (AR), Ishbel Ferguson (IF), Christian Burgin (CB), Rhona McPartlin (RM)

Apologies: -

Agenda items

Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 27/11/23

RM proposed, IF seconded.

Treasurer's report

- The Hall has been awarded £10,000 from the Highland Third Sector Interface (for projects benefiting mental health of adults) and the funds have arrived into the bank account.
- There is approx. £6,600 left of the Skye Lochalsh and Wester Ross children's mental health funding pot. Local parents can access this by consensus for different activities.
- **CB is organising the Hall's accounts to be submitted, and then moving on to finishing the SCIO incorporation.** The committee thanked CB for all his efforts and time towards the Hall.
- **CB to apply for exemption for the water bill.**

Bar report

- **AM to make a checklist / cheat sheet for the bar and review training records.**
- **AM to follow up with Highland Council with her personal licence.**
- **AR to complete her personal licence.**
- **BG to advertise for new volunteers on Facebook.**

Report of action points

Mental Health funding for adults

- There are several ideas for activities / services as part of this project to benefit adults' mental health. To gather views and opinions from the community on what kind of services they would like, it was suggested that an idea board could be put on the noticeboard and invite the community to join meetings to plan activities. RM and AM to contact possible mobile hairdressers.
- AM to get in touch with her contacts to help organise events under this funding.

Performance events

- BG is finalising details for events in August.
- BG or AM to attend Micro Touring Network call next week.
- AM to message a theatre group about a potential performance.
- Ideas for bands for Hogmanay are required. SK / All to have a think about potential bands.

Building maintenance

- BG to get an update from George regarding the toddler play park equipment.
- It was noted that the car park drainage and guttering needs attention. SK to investigate. BG to ask Donald for advice.
- The painting of the lounge will start next week. The committee thanked RM for making the beautiful new lounge curtains. SK to help take down cinema screen and put it back up.
- Some of the curtain rails need to be repaired in the lounge. SK / CB to investigate.
- BG to follow up about the handrail at the front door.
- SK to check oil and gas levels.
- The sports equipment is still to be organised, AR to lead this.
- RM and SK to measure the window and stage curtains in the main hall.
- Kitchen spring clean scheduled for February. BG to advertise for volunteers.
- Debs will repair the boiler room plasterboard and paint it.
- The painting of the outside of the hall will start in spring.

Minibus

- Committee agreed that the new minibus (Community Company) could be parked at the hall.

SCIO update

- CB is progressing with the SCIO incorporation. The next step is winding down the current organisation and transferring assets to the new SCIO, which might require a solicitor's help.

AOB

- Hall AGM is scheduled for 26 February at 7pm. SV to advertise, BG / CB to finish powerpoint presentation.
- SV to keep updating website.
- BG to liaise with Gaelic class for help with Gaelic translations for the website.
- The committee thanked SV for her efforts in the committee. It was agreed she will continue as an associate member of the committee and continue to support the committee as Secretary for the time being.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 26th February 2024 at 7.45pm (after AGM).

BG concluded the meeting.