

## **Applecross Hall Committee Meeting**

### **Meeting held on the 25th February 2020 after AGM**

Minutes taken by Millie Whistance Holmes.

Present: Rhona McPartlin (RM), David Davidson (DD), Jack Marris (JM), Tom O'Halloran (TO), Millie Whistance Holmes (MWH), Kirsten Mackie (KM), Ishbel Ferguson (IF)

- JM called the meeting to order.
- Position of Chair elected. JM proposed by RM and seconded by DD.
- Position of Vice Chair elected. TO proposed by JM and seconded by RM.
- MWH continues as Secretary and TO as Treasurer.

#### **Minutes from previous meeting**

- RM proposed, JM seconded.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- The financial year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- Bank balance at £4,000. £1,730 still to come in from invoices.
- TO reported that the Hall has large expenses going out with not much income.
- Bar sales continue to be a great source of income.
- Hall hire income is sat at £232.08. There are some accounts payable due in February that will change this in the next financial year.
- TO reported that we need to open up a new stream of revenue to be able to cover the costs of work that is needed.

#### **Community Pot Fund**

- The Community Pot is a pot of money that the Applecross Trust has put aside for community use

from sales of land. The Applecross Forum is in the process of deciding how to distribute these funds. The Applecross Trust are also building a hydro station in Callakille and have offered the community £5,000 compensation as Community Benefit from this annually.

- JM would like to put forward a proposal to the Forum that the Hall could take a sum of money. TO suggested that the £5,000 Community Benefit could go straight to the Hall.

#### **Action points from previous minutes**

- DD has investigated strengthening of AppleNet signal in the bar. JM to look into fibre internet.
- The committee had received a complaint about cleaning. The committee made a check list for the cleaner. JM to investigate cleaning supply providers.
- IF requested more signs to be put up in the kitchen to ask people to return items.

#### **Kirsten Mackie's report**

- KM received a quote for installing curtains in the hall - £6,000. The curtains would cut off half the hall to make it smaller when needed and improve atmosphere. They would stop short of the bar. This would not be possible with current funds.
- KM has submitted an application to Creative Scotland for a personal project to be hosted in the hall, which included £750 to go towards hall refurbishment. We will hear back at the beginning of March on the application.
- KM is looking to start open mics nights at the Hall, making it a big event every 5-6 weeks on a Saturday night. Plans for 11th April for the first show. The event would be a sit down evening with food cooked by Rob and Marion. KM to get in contact with Sean or Steve for sound/lights.

#### **General Maintenance**

- There is a vacancy for a new Buildings Manager, as Gregor Watson is no longer on the committee. Responsibilities would include arranging maintenance of gas appliances, electrics, and general maintenance of building and grounds.
- KM has taken on the role of Fire Safety Officer.

#### **Insurance**

- Efforts were made last year to find the best value quote. The best quote found by far was with our current provider (Zurich). The renewal quote has not gone up this year, so committee agreed to make no changes and continue with current provider.

### **Bookings**

- Easter fair 10<sup>th</sup> April
- Strupag 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Ceilidh Trail
- Applecross Games in July
- Ian Blackford MP 18<sup>th</sup> August

### **AOB**

- Applecross Community Company has asked to leave a leaflet stand in the hall. The committee approved this.
- TO noted that Eigg primary school children wanted to visit Applecross and was wondering if there was any way to accommodate them in the hall. No decision made.

Next committee meeting is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> March.

JM closed the meeting.