

**Applecross Community Hall Committee Meeting 21/8/2023 at 7pm (Applecross Hall)
Minutes**

Minutes taken by Saara Viitanen

Present: Barbara Gillies (BG), Saara Viitanen (SV), Rhona McPartlin (RM), Ishbel Ferguson (IF), Anne Macrae (AM)

Apologies: Sean KilBride (SK), Agnes Rymowicz (AR), Debs Carr (DC), Christian Burgin (CB)

Agenda items

Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 10/7/23

Committee approved the minutes.

Treasurer's report

- BG had banked some cash.
- AM has asked about the cheque from the community council. AM to check if they could do online bank transfer instead.

Bar report

- AM to follow up about her personal licence with the training course leader. AR to update about her personal licence.
- BG to advertise for more volunteers for the bar.
- AM to make a cheat sheet / checklist for opening and closing the bar.
- Tom is now premises manager. BG to update him on upcoming events.
- AM to clarify about bar being open for private concert next summer.

Report of action points

Funding

- It was noted that the Healthcare Association decided not to submit the social isolation fund application.
- Mental Health fund – projects ongoing, end date TBC.
- SV to start grant expenditure spreadsheet and liaise with CB / BG.

Hearing loop

- Quote received for hearing loop installation. BG has identified a possible fund. AM to send a list of funding pots to BG.

Micro Touring Network

- BG and AM had attended Micro Touring Network meeting. All to keep an eye out for any interesting acts/performances and send to BG or AM.

Cinema

- Tension screen has arrived for cinema, covered by the Community Resilience fund. BG looking into some curtains to protect the screen.
- Six cinema screenings planned in autumn for children and adults.

Dark Skies Festival

- Wester Ross Dark Skies Festival planetarium pencilled in for 18th or 19th November, 18th preferred. 'Local Hero' screening on 25th November. AM to liaise with school on any further events.

Licences/training

- BG has enquired about adding theatre performances to Public Entertainment Licence. Awaiting reply.
- BG to update about food hygiene training.

Website

- SV to look into creating an email newsletter and GDPR statement on website.
- RM / AM / All to read text on website and send any suggestions for changes to SV.

Building / maintenance

- BG to meet Megan to discuss playpark improvements. George to do woodworking workshops to build playpark equipment.
- CB to update about electricity contract – BG to follow up.

- BG has asked for a quote for electrical works from Skye electrician. No reply from Mackay Electrical about warranty.
- SK to update on roof condition.
- SK has started taping / filling the boiler room.
- Storage shelves completed.
- AR / Suzanne to organise PE items.
- RM to ask Derek what colour the outside wall is.
- RM to look into fabric cover for lounge emergency light for cinema screenings to make the room dark (tapestry/quilt idea).
- BG / DC to update on redecoration.

Events

- Blas Festival 9/9 – Toby / AM bar, BG / IF tea and coffee, BG door
- Duathlon Ceilidh 16/9 – AR / AM bar, BG / DC(?) door. RM to ask Derek if he is available to help at the bar.
- Discussion about bigger events for next summer. No action decided.

AOB

- SV to print out September calendars for local noticeboards.

Next meeting scheduled for 20th September 2023 at 7pm.

BG concluded the meeting.