

**Minutes of a meeting of Seil Island Community Hall Charity held in Kilbrandon House on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007 at 1900 hours**

**Present:** Ian McColl, Jan Whitehead, Graham Campbell, Brian Mitchell, Iain Fullarton, Mary Sandilands, Seamus Anderson, Daphne Allan and Richard Allan

**Apologies:** John Gordon, Danny Nee, Ann Cunningham, Mary Norris and Sheila Mitchell

**Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007 meeting proposed by:** Brian Mitchell and seconded by Graham Campbell

**Matters arising:**

Seamus Anderson assisted by Sports club members had a burger stall at the Easdale Island Stone Skimming Championships on 22 September. The sales took £719.81 after expenses. The Eilan Easdale Trust who organised the championships donated £450.00 to the Hall. There will be a photo opportunity of the cheque presentation in due course. Mike Shaw will convey the committee's thanks in writing

**Finance:**

In the absence of John Gordon, Mike detailed income and expenditure from John's statement of accounts.

Development Account balance as at 24 September - £106,501.00

Running Account balance as at 24 September - ££2,501.00

AIE have remitted £7,154.00 and Gift Aid of £729.67 has been received. The main contractor, TSL, have been paid £35,549.85 during the period.

It was reported that the running account balance is lower than normal. It should be noted that the running account has paid the New Hall electric connection charge of £443.00

So that sum can be transferred from Development Account if needs must.

**Lottery:**

The £50 Lottery prize was not won and the rollover will be £75 at next meeting.

Morag Mackenzie - £10

Bobby Harvey - £10

Maureen MacAndrew - £10

**New Hall Project:**

Mike Shaw reported about the Site meeting on 14 September:

- The Hall was demolished 27 September, 2007

- Single phase power connected – written assurance from Hydro Board that this is sufficient
- Carpets have been laid
- Water supply connected
- New floor should be on site – cannot be laid until heating on for 2 weeks
- Project Account positive – balance of professional fees to be confirmed
- Foundation of Sport and Arts – 60% grant toward the external Store (£6K)
- Disabled access to front door will be a level plinth
- Contractor laying floor applies sealant once laid. Nick Wesley (Atlantis) has recommended taping over sealant – he will organise.
- Brian Mitchell making progress with Fire Risk Assessment
- Quantity Surveyor to provide Mike Shaw with rebuild cost for Hall (Ins)
- Outside car parking area – use stones from old Hall as bund instead of BT poles (delivered). Reinstate the hump at Miss Jacks (Balvicar entrance). The bund will go along the bay.
- Finish to car park is not known
- Next Site meeting is on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October.

The demolisher has saved carved sandstone blocks, floorboards, big slate from front door, and ten corbels.

It was agreed that Graham Campbell and Seumas Anderson will store the corbels. They may be useful to delineate the access road. The contractor will be instructed to lay the big slate into paving at the entrance area.

The wood left might be made into benches.

Mike Shaw reported on the 15<sup>th</sup> September meeting to which a number of interested members of community and some committee members attended. He said it was a very productive meeting. Many of the participants have volunteered to be part of the Groups set up at last meeting to bring the Hall into full use.

Mike Shaw emphasised that the Hall will be run on a community basis. There will be no fulltime staff. The community will have ownership and it is important that people leave the Hall clean and tidy **and not as they find it.**

Mary Sandilands reported that the Kitchen Group had met and they had produced a wish list including liasing with cleaner (Daphne Allan) over vacuum cleaner etc. There is a shortage of a tall cupboard in kitchen for cleaning materials. Clubs will be able to have own cupboard in the kitchen. It was confirmed that catering equipment is the responsibility of the Hall users. After further discussion it was identified that the new Hall will be short of crockery. The group have committee's authority to purchase requirements.

Mary Sandilands also put forward the suggestion that a baby changer in disabled toilet would be a good idea. The cost is £250. Committee agreed to buy in future subject to funds. Also two fridges will be required. At the moment there is only one fridge. At the meeting the Surgery offered to donate kitchen and cleaning material to tide the Hall over the initial period. This was accepted with thanks.

Brian Mitchell, Mary Norris and Jan Whitehead have been rehashing the Hall booking form and hire rates. Brian Mitchell produced specimens of booking form for **local community**, hire rates for everyone and conditions of let for local groups. These have been discussed with the Development committee. It is their intention to produce a booking form for outsiders in due course.

Jan Whitehead advised the meeting that the big lottery required a hand signed copy including who was using the Hall and how many. The form was accepted by the meeting.

The Hire Rates are in line with business plan produced when the original Lottery application was made all those years ago. The table is divided into morning, afternoon and evening for flexibility. The probability of a group taking six hours in the evening at the set price was so small that the meeting agreed to stick with the format.

In the Conditions of Let for local groups several amendments were made after discussion.

The Hall is due to be handed over at the beginning of November. The Development committee have a programme of events starting with the Hall committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November. The school children will be given a showing. There are planned open days for clubs/groups and one for all the community. There will be one event for young people. On St Andrews Night (30 November) there will be a celeidh. Graham Campbell hopes to invite as many of the Old Hall entertainers to do a turn.

A meeting of Pictures/Signs Group is to be held soon.

#### **THE FUTURE NAME OF THE HALL:**

Mike Shaw asked the meeting to consider whether Easdale Hall should remain the name of the Hall. Brian Mitchell advocated that Seil Hall was more appropriate. All correspondence in the last few years has omitted any reference to Easdale Hall. Except for locals the name no longer has any relevance. Seumas Anderson maintained the name should remain as it was part of our heritage. Ian McColl, Trustee stated he thought the name should be updated. Several alternative names were suggested. All the names were put to the committee and by a unanimous vote the Hall committee elected to formally change the name to Seil Island Hall. However, as Mike Shaw said, some people will still call it Easdale Hall, and why not.

**Any Other Business: none**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2007, in **Seil Island Hall** at 1900 hours

