

Minutes of a meeting of Seil Community Hall Charity held at the Hall on Monday, 2nd July, 2007

Present: Jan Whitehead, Betty Haran, Mary Norris, Graham Campbell, Sheila Mitchell, Mike Shaw, Iain Fullarton and John Gordon

Apologies: Ann Cunningham, Brian Mitchell and Mary Sandilands

Minutes proposed by Graham Campbell and seconded by Mary Norris

Matters arising:

Several of the committee are away on the day of the Farewell Do (15th September). An earlier date might be suitable because of other events afterwards. A Farewell week was suggested for those who do not like ceilidhs. This might include a whist drive amongst other things. In the end committee opted to stay with original date and event.

Hall Tariff sub committee including Jan Whitehead and Mary Norris has met. They recommend charging rates per business plan. For example a Wedding at private rate setting up and clearing up day before and after would be £400. However, if a community wedding using the Hall only on the day the rate would be £165. Committee accepted recommendation.

Graham Campbell raised the question of booking conditions. Jan Whitehead is currently drawing up a draft for approval. Deposits will be taken in case of damages. Business plan envisages 6 hours a week for part time caretaker to ensure Hall laid out properly for outside hires.

Helen Barr donated lottery prize of £10
Anna Davidson donated lottery prize of £20
Fiona Gully donated £5 after missing An Cala

Mary Norris notified that a new booker will need to be appointed as she will not be available from 1st November until into New Year.

Mike Shaw felt that replacement should be one of our younger residents. In fact he felt that the younger residents should be having an input into future use of Hall and tariff rates. Mary Norris agreed to sound out one enthusiastic resident and see whether a meeting could be organised of interested parties towards the end of August. This would be with a view to having some form of co-option on current committee with formal election thereafter. There will also be a Notice in Seilachan

Website updating – volunteer still being sought

New Hall coin meters will be all in one place near switchboard

Mike Shaw conveyed personally our thanks to Sheila Downie for opening An Cala

Easdale Island have an entertainments licence. Whether it would cover the bowls open competition has yet to be tested. They told John Gordon that licensing laws are so medieval that a lawyer has to be employed.

Finance:

John Gordon reported that thanks to British Airways losing his baggage he is unable to produce his usual statement of affairs. However, extracts are as follows:

Development Account balance: £191,413

In

AIE £4,464

Out

Architect £528

TSL £25,772

Running Account balance: £3,643

In

Rent £231

Out

Prizes £80

Wire for loop £36

Lottery:

£50 Rollover – Nancy Gardiner

£10 - Ruth Gilmour

£10 - Tina Ellis

£10 - Frances Hill

Hall Bookings:

24 June - Seil Mooring Association

4 July - Rob Cameron borrowing old tables and chairs

18 July - Hall Celeidh

25 July - Hall Celeidh

1 August – Hall Celeidh

8 August – Hall Celeidh

New Hall Project:

Mike Shaw reported the June monthly meeting with contractor. Sundry works have been completed or are underway. The delay with installation of fire alarm, reported last meeting has been overcome. The building programme is one week behind but revised completion date is likely to be slightly earlier than planned. Signboard has been erected but not all the logos have put on.

Contrary to what was reported at a previous meeting TSL will not be putting down the gravel around Hall. There will be a cost saving if Hall organises laying of gravel by another contractor.

Mike Shaw was not able to give a detailed cash flow projection as awaiting TSL revised valuation of works. Fire alarm installation was over cost. The small surplus Hall had in hand has almost been wiped out by that cost over run. Some of the

Sports Foundation's £25,000 grant earmarked for stage, external store and floor has been promised for July, subject to standard charge being acceptable. Since some of the items are in the TSL contract there will be funds available for over runs etc once the total grant is received.

Jan Whitehead has received all the quotes for staging valid from 28 to 60 days. The favoured staging is one Tarbert School has already got. It is within budget and though smaller it can be added to when more funds are available. Tarbert are to be contacted and if satisfactory order is to be lodged.

A requirement of the Big Lottery Grant is that certain outcomes have to be complied with once the Hall has been completed:

1. Liase with Community Education - Plans to hold evening classes are ongoing
2. Liase with Voluntary Car Scheme
3. Check Disable Access Statement – with architect at moment
4. Liase with Easdale Island Hall and their film club
5. Liase with Sports Club
6. Liase with Young Mothers and Toddlers – Mary Norris
7. Liase with Surgery re disabled
8. Produce poster showing activities – John Gordon
9. Plan advertising campaign for first six months (Oban Times needs month notice for page)

Jan Whitehead reported there will be a frieze in the corridor naming all the funders except big three who will have own placques. Jan said that she and Mike will have to complete a Monitoring Review for Big Lottery by 1st August. This is to show the methods and procedures Hall has adopted to measure our stated targets and outcomes.

John Gordon reported on progress of Hearing Loop. The wire came and TSL gave permission to run it. With the help of Dave Simcox he was able to put it in roof space. It took over four hours to install. Committee expressed thanks for their efforts. Brackets etc will be installed after the end of the project. Still to source an amplifier but prices are cheaper on the internet.

Graham Campbell and Sheila Mitchell have researched that a £50 Tea Urn capacity 20 litres can be sourced on e bay. This will do for the celeidhs and Ardmaddy. A better one can perhaps be afforded once the Hall is up and running.

John Gordon's long running research into best value for electricity is not yet at an end. Hydro Board will not give a price for 1900-0700 off peak rate until nearer the time. He will contact them then.

New Hall Fundraising:

Ardmaddy Fete, Sunday, 12 August, 2007 at 1300 hours

Mary Norris reported on behalf of the co-ordinating committee:

- ?? PA System – Nick Wesley will provide
- ?? Kilmore Tent – David Mudie said ok

- ?? Car Park – lack volunteers
- ?? Gate – Iain Fullarton, Avril and another - £2.50 Adults, £1 Children £6 Families
- ?? Notices – the Shaws will attend to
- ?? Oban Times and Oban FM – Mike Shaw will organise
- ?? Auction – Christine Wills replaces Jan Whitehead in tent. Jan will concentrate on preparation
- ?? Teas – helpers have volunteered
- ?? Brownies/Cubs – will organise guess games etc
- ?? Guns – Jim Mellor will mount a presentation
- ?? Cake Stall – WRI will organise
- ?? Model Plane exhibition – Dave Collier will present
- ?? Children's races
- ?? Dancing display – a platform will be needed
- ?? Piper – Donnie and DJ are available
- ?? Dog races – Graham Campbell
- ?? Bottle Stall – Golf Club
- ?? Treasure Hunt – Mary Blackstock and the Bowls
- ?? Welly Boot – Country Dancing
- ?? Crockery smashing – Mark Nichol
- ?? Tombola – Wednesday badminton
- ?? Face Paint – Avril Anderson and Mary Phillips
- ?? Ice Cream – Lisa
- ?? New calendar sales
- ?? Cloakroom raffle – Margaret Annfield – Mike Shaw to source prize
- ?? Trailer Tent – Nick Wesley
- ?? Seilachan/ Flier – to include plea for Auction items – John Gordon
- ?? Invitation to Clive Anderson to open Fete
- ?? Books and Bric and Brac Stall – Sheila Mitchell will organised volunteers
- ?? Coastguard – promised Mary Sandilands two members of auxiliaries to hold presentation – need a table
- ?? Scottish Water – Betty Haran will invite them to supply a 20 gallon tank of water for teas.
- ?? Marquees – to be erected on the Friday
- ?? Heritage Trust display – Mike Shaw
- ?? New Hall Photographic display – Donnie Macpherson might oblige
- ?? Fire Brigade putting out fat fire – still to be contacted.

Any other business:

It is all in Matters Arising!

Next Meeting:

Monday, 6th August, 2007 at 1900 hours

