

Minutes of a meeting of Seil Community Hall Charity held at the Hall on 4th June, 2007.

Present: Mary Norris, Mary Sandilands, Jan Whitehead, Sheila Mitchell, Seamus Anderson, Danny Nee, Graham Campbell, John Gordon, Iain Fullarton and Brian Mitchell.

Apologies: Irene Breslin, Mike Shaw, Ann Cunningham and Ian McColl

Minutes of previous meeting approved:

Proposed Graham Campbell and seconded Sheila Mitchell

Matters Arising:

Hall Tariff sub committee has yet to meet.

Website updating – volunteer needed

New Hall – coin meters – where are they to be sited? Not wanted in main Hall.

Re Permanent Alcohol Licence – Easdale Island Hall has one – to be approached.

Finance:

John Gordon produced his bank account income and expenditure statement.

£94,511.00 has been received in grants from Big Lottery. An Cala day raised £800.90

Builder was paid £59,977.00 since last meeting.

Development Account Balance: £212,747.49

Running Account Balance: £3,252,26

Lottery:

£50 Rollover – Sandra Melville

£10 – Linda Hill

£10 – Janice Baxter

£10 – Kathleen Gordon

Hall Bookings:

Nil

New Hall Project:

Brian Mitchell reported that Jan Whitehead and Mike Shaw met with professional team and architect.

?? Contractor is getting upset about delays in electrical work. Problem lies with fire alarms. There are differences between building regulations and electrical standards. It is possible there will be no insurance cover unless we meet electrical standards. Awaiting the outcome of negotiations between architect and the contactors and information on additional costs.

Proposed sound system - John Gordon met with Graham Hendry the contractor and agreed work to be done. John is particularly keen to have vertical wiring installed soon so that it is behind sheeting. However, John is waiting for drawings and the cable.

Proposed hearing loop – Brian Mitchell has spoken at length with Royal National Institute for the Deaf who were most helpful. Brian Mitchell and John Gordon have ordered cable and are in process of drilling holes in small and big hall. Amplifier is to be situated to the left of the stage in the big hall. Amplifier will cost more because hall is greater than 150 square metres.

At the monthly project meeting Jan Whitehead reported that TSL had suggested token meters while Mike Shaw wanted coin meters. The existing coin meters may need to have test certificates.

Hall is to be vacated by the end of September. Anything Hall wants they must instruct TSL before they hand over to the demolition contractor.

Sheila Mitchell suggested an electronic urn costing £300 after problems with existing urn at An Cala day. One is needed right away.

John Gordon carried out some research into tariffs for storage heaters. There appear to be three off peak tariffs:

E 7 cheap electricity - 2330 to 0730 hrs

Total Control – for dwellings and not considered suitable for a hall

Evening/weekend – 1900-0700 –reduced rate for all electricity but slightly more expensive during the day. He will get information on costs for the next meeting

Moveable stage/Tarbert Academy – Brian Mitchell trying to arrange a site visit.

Mary Norris asked about bookings. It was confirmed there will be no bookings from 17 September and New Hall bookings can be taken provisionally from 1st November.

NEW HALL FUNDRAISING:

An Cala raised £800.60 Brian Mitchell proposed a big thanks to Sheila Mitchell, Sue Moss, Jan Whitehead and Mike Shaw in the kitchen. A formal letter of thanks will go out to everybody. Such was the demand for teas later on that nearly ran out of sandwiches. Mike Shaw will write to Sheila Downie for opening An Cala in aid of the hall.

The Farewell to the Hall function will take place on Saturday, 15th September. The rough format will be children in the afternoon and adults in the evening. A cheese and nibble would be prepared before dancing and bring your own booze.

Ardmaddy, Sunday, 12th August

- ?? Sports Club to be asked whether will organise children's games
- ?? Vintage Cars – Brian Mitchell will contact
- ?? All clubs to run a stall
- ?? Dog racing
- ?? Piping and dancing
- ?? Coastguard – Mary Sandilands will contact
- ?? Fire Brigade – Seamas Anderson will contact
- ?? Auction – fresh volunteers required
- ?? Model plane display a possibility
- ?? Naval display – Mike Shaw will contact Charles Struthers
- ?? Books and bric a brac available from Jean Nicolson
- ?? Children's races

The co-ordinating committee will be Brian Mitchell, John Gordon and Mary Norris.

Hall is still seeking someone to open Ardmaddy. Mary Sandilands will see if Jean Ainslie has any ideas.

Any other business:

Graham Campbell reported that the summer ceilidhs will be on Wednesday, 18th July 25th July, 1st August and 8th August.

Next meeting:

Monday, 2nd July at 1900 hours