

SEIL ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL CHARITY

Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 28th June 2009

Present: Brian Mitchell, John Gordon, Seamus Anderson, Kim Rowswell, Ian MacColl, Richard Wesley, Graham Campbell, Sheila Mitchell, Julie Ferris

Apologies: Mary Norris, Wendy Dugdale, Janice Stewart, Lisa Robinson, Ken Jones, Pat Jones, Jim Watson, Janice Mitchell, John Ferris

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 31st May 2009 were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Seamus Anderson, seconded by Richard Wesley.

Finance

John Gordon presented the Financial Summary for June 2009. The Running Account balance stands at £9220.03, with income of £929.50 from Rents, £2.00 Electricity, £310.00 Monthly lottery, £9.00 Donations, and £33.00 Phone. Expenditure was Lottery £105.00, Cleaning & materials £73.35, BT £54.78, Hydroelectric (estimate) £141.48, Miscellaneous £73.91 and Chair Frames £276.02.

Outstanding hall rents of £80 had been received from Scottish Water. It was confirmed that the Retention is approximately £15k. It was agreed not to consider the transfer of money from the Running to the Development Account until all gardening costs had been finalised and the Retention payment settled.

Hall Lottery

£75 Rollover
£10 Fiona MacLarty
£10 Mairi Hole
£10 Ian Mackenzie

Subscriptions were now up to 274 people in the draw, slightly up on last year.

Bookings

8th July Small Hall, Public viewing of Beechgrove filming
14th July Natural History
16th July Small Hall, Slate Island Trusts 3.45 - 5.15 for 10 weeks
17th July 20 Tables and chairs hired (for wedding)
22nd & 29th July, 5th & 12th August - Hall Summer Ceilidhs

It was agreed that catering for the Ceilidhs should be shared out more formally, with a request made for 4 people to help on each night. A number of volunteers came forward, and a request would be put out for other helpers.

It was noted that the Swing Band evening had been a most enjoyable event.

Adult Education

Brian Mitchell/John Gordon would chase Tricia Slater before the next meeting re continuation of the art classes. Afternoon Spanish lessons would probably continue; Tricia would send a poster of other classes, digital photography being one possibility.

Car Park Lighting

Jim Watson to fit - ongoing.

Play Area

Kim Rowswell reported that she had received a plan from the third company approached, but that it was very vague and had no quote, whereas the first company's had been most comprehensive. For the purposes of funding, it was felt that proof of having sought a number of quotes would be sufficient. It was suggested Lorna Elliot be approached regarding a possible source of funds. Brian Mitchell would forward a funding alert newsletter to Kim.

Grounds

Brian Mitchell commented on the amazing transformation of the grounds. All feedback had been extremely positive, and Brian congratulated the team leaders and everyone who had helped with the project. Richard Wesley reported that 70 people had been involved and donations in excess of £2k had been received, representing a wonderful response from the community. As reported in the June accounts, total expenditure on the gardens was approximately £9,300. There were still some items to resolve, but of the £3000 available from hall funds it was likely that about £2,300 would be required. It was noted that with the decking and glass screen the whole project would likely have cost c£20k. John Gordon would check on the insurance situation. It was noted that for insurance purposes information was awaited on the cost of the Marquee - this was estimated at c£5k. Brian Mitchell would check on the bowls equipment valuation (thought to be c£3k). John would also establish whether the buildings insurance covers the filtration system.

Richard stressed that there is still much to do, and help is still needed. He had committed to every Friday, and urged everyone to continue with their support. A donations box at the gate was being considered.

It was confirmed that individual invitations to the Ceilidh had been given as a thank you to all helpers.

Snagging

Puraflow had installed the pumps, John Gordon had checked them and all seemed OK. There had been no request for payment of the Retention and it would not be released until it was clear the system was working properly. A response was awaited from Ronnie Neil re the squeaky floor. Brian Mitchell/John Gordon would check the snagging list again.

Sports Club Dissolution and Hall Committee

Ongoing.

Chairs

John Gordon had sent a cheque for the chair frames emphasising that we need frames with arms.

Outside Events

Ongoing. Consideration was being given to perhaps one event in the winter, but a person to lead the project was still being sought.

Graham Campbell would organise artistes for the St Andrews Ceilidh.

Other Business

From previous minutes:

Tea pots - Jim Watson to source reasonably priced ones. Ongoing.

Lisa to purchase first aid requirements. Ongoing.

Main hall floor. Ongoing, John Gordon to chase. A work party (of two!) had cleaned the floor on Friday 19th June.

Creating storage space in loft. Ongoing, price needed.

Shelving committee cupboards in small hall. Ongoing.

Coat hooks for ladies toilet. Ongoing, have been purchased, need to decide where they are going and put them up.

Car Park notice - completed.

A boards. Ongoing.

Clip frames inside external notice board - completed.

John Gordon to obtain quotes for broadband connection. Ongoing.

John Gordon compiling manual for occasional users of the hall. Ongoing, nearing completion. It was noted that fire and safety instructions should be given to anyone responsible for functions such as weddings.

Hearing loop microphone - bill to be sent to George Hannah.

2 dozen teaspoons had now been purchased.

Training for bar staff? Ongoing

Request for caravan at hall during weekend - had subsequently been allowed as it was way at the back of the site and had a catering function.

New issues arising:

Additional bins were needed at functions such as weddings and ceilidhs as those provided became full very quickly. Paper towel supplies in the toilets were also soon depleted, although organisers had been shown where to get more. To be raised at future meetings for discussion/ideas, e.g. large dispensers.

Outside chairs for decking - it was suggested Community Service or the employability team be approached to refurbish the old black chairs to make them appropriate for use on the new decking.

Richard Wesley reported that there was a projector stand available to anyone who wants to use it.

As this was the third meeting to be held at the end of the month the situation was reviewed and it was agreed to continue with the new timing (i.e. the last Sunday of the

month).

The For Argyll website had featured the Beechgrove filming. John Gordon would circulate the link.

Items to go on the website: Ceilidhs with a plea for performers to contact Graham Campbell; the Beechgrove filming and a request for help with the gardens; the Lottery and Bookings.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Sunday 26th July at 7pm. Sue Croft had agreed to take the minutes.

Kim Rowswell, John and Julie Ferris gave their apologies for that meeting.