

Kinlochard Village Hall

Minutes of AGM held in Lochard Cottage on 19th December 2010

Present:

Bridget Lewis (Chair), Peter Salgo (Treasurer), Katy Lamb (Secretary), Fergus Wood, Colin & Ann Boyd, Crawford Lamb, Elaine Bruce, Colin Thomson

Welcome

Bridget welcomed all to the meeting and remarked that it had been a snowy evening at the last AGM!

Apologies

Apologies had been received: Fiona McLean, Colin & Linda Stewart, Gregor Wood, Colin Hutton, Jane Attwell, Patricia Thomson, Fiona McEwan, Shona Baston, Mike & Eleanor Campbell, who had now left the area

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There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere

The minutes were proposed by Ann Boyd and seconded by Colin Boyd

Chairman's Report

Main thing to mention from last year's AGM was the acceptance of our funding application to SRDP, enabling the original plans to go ahead. An update would be given later in report. Bridget reported that it had been another successful year for fundraising and lets in general

New events held were a Beetle Drive, A Folk Night, Yoga and the opportunity to raise Funds from International Rally Club. There was also a welcome return of the race nights and Bridget thanked Archie on behalf of the Committee for organising these and the Beetle Drive

Yoga has been a good success and is continuing in Forest Hills during refurbishment.

Bridget thanked Forest Hills on behalf of the Community for their kindness in making rooms available during refurbishment. The History Society, Yoga and Community Council being amongst those to avail themselves of this much appreciated service

Unfortunately the Community Arts programme, which was mentioned at the last AGM, did not get off the ground. This was due, in the main, to overoptimistic expectations both on our behalf and on behalf of the organiser

Fiona had reported that Toddlers were looking forward to using the hall again and Top Play would run again. It was agreed that something for older people and for youths could easily be accommodated and would be liable to be taken up. Dominos and summer ice had been mentioned but Fergus could not locate the stones for the summer ice. If anybody has any info on this please let us know

Since the year end the Hall had been used for a Dinner party (another first), by the sailing club for overnight stay and facilities during the National Regatta and by Contact the Elderly and D of E as usual.

The website continued to be a great asset and Colin Stewart was thanked for all his hard work

Katy remarked that the website was definitely helping with next year's bookings already. 2 Wedding parties from outwith the area, some local parties and a business had booked for running a course, and House Folk would be holding their Saturday event in the Hall. The Pony Club had booked for overnight stays for 6 days

Refurbishment

Bridget had seen the inside last week for the first time for around 7 weeks and had found it Wow! She was amazed by the sense of light and size. Peter concurred that it was better than all his expectations. It was agreed that the design was a tribute to previous Committees who had conducted surveys and worked with the community and the architect until a final plan had been agreed.

Katy updated as follows

Most of the plumbing work still had to be completed as did the fitting of the kitchen and the loos. Flooring also to be done but hoped that windows would be in the "sun room" by the end of this week. There was still work to be done on the roof and the outside finishes had to be completed. The builders were to be commended for working in very cold and snowy conditions. An official request had been made for an extension of 2 weeks due to inclement weather. Until things progressed further in January it would be impossible to say when the actual finish date would be. Officially it should have been end of January which would take us into mid February with the 2 week extension.

Ian Williamson was on the building sub committee and was the main technical liaison between the committee and the architect, builder and QS. Bridget thanked Ian for his work and time he devoted to the

project, which was invaluable to the rest of the committee and also expressed appreciation to Katy for her support in all this

Katy explained further funding applications which had been made

As reported at AGM last year Hugh Fraser Foundation were asked to extend their pledge until we knew whether we were getting funds They agreed to wait and we have now received the £5K pledge from them. Our pledge from Gannochy Trust had lapsed in 2008, but they have now accepted a reapplication. The application is for £10K and will be heard in their December meeting. This money would go towards fees should it be forthcoming. Personal loans will cover the fees if not.

We have also applied to Awards for All for £3k for furniture and to Coop Community Fund for £2k for blinds/curtains. We may have to wait till March to hear if we are successful or not

Peter summarised the current situation on building outgoings

£140,000 has been received from SRDP to date and £140,000 from Stirling Council as bridging funds.

£243,000 has been paid to builder, £8,500 to septic contractor and £10,000 in professional fees. The bank account is thus up on the beginning of the year

Bridget thanked Peter for his diligence with the finances and work in getting bridging etc sorted. She also thanked Katy for her work with SRDP and getting the claims through and paid.

Treasurer's Report

Peter spoke to the accounts already circulated. (attached)

He detailed the figures comparing 2009/10 with 2008/09 for income and expenditure

Fundraising

Gala/mini games £5498, 2 Race nights £668, Sponsored dribble £164, International rally £400, Folk night, a magnificent £1,124 Beetle drive £90, - 2010/11 year to date was also mentioned - gala/mini games had been another record £5900 and we had earned £800 with IRC.

An extra £945 from Scottsland grant is shown in income but the outgoings will not be in till next years accounts. Donations were up at £265, which compensated a bit for no jar in the shop. The honesty box was slightly down but this partly timing. As mentioned at previous AGM £55,000 was moved to Investec and £647 was earned in interest to the year end

Despite heavier repairs (2 burst pipes, burst lawnmower and broken window) there was a better surplus this year being £9,775. (even allowing for £945 extra income from Scottsland, still better than 2008/9), making a closing balance of £62,596

This figure was nearer £70,000 when building started as Hugh Fraser and proceeds from gala/games had been banked.

It was agreed that the AGM minutes and the accounts should go on the web site again

Peter was thanked for his presentation of the accounts and work throughout the year

Kerry Clow was also thanked for continuing to carry out our Audit Report

Nomination of Office Bearers

Bridget explained that the situation with the Trustees had been regularised. The previously named trustees no longer being with us and there no longer being a school teacher, the following are now the Trustees Andrew Tsim, Bank Manger, Linda Stewart, Parish Minister and Fergus Wood, Councillor appointed by Stirling Council. The trust deed provides that the Trustees vest all executive powers to the Management Committee, so the new appointments will make no difference to the running of the Hall. As previously explained and minuted at Committee meetings, we are very grateful to the new Trustees for agreeing to undertake their office, which enabled us to avail ourselves of the bridging finance from Stirling Council Bridget, Katy & Peter were all willing to stand for re-election and there were no nominations from the floor.

Peter said this was definitely his last year

The office bearers were proposed en bloc by Fergus and seconded by Colin Thomson

All the current committee would continue and Elaine Bruce was proposed by Katy and seconded by Bridget as a committee member

AOB

Music festivals

Fergus explained that Gregor was trying to put on a summer festival involving the Scottish Academy of Music as well as the autumn Folk Festival.

He asked for the meeting's support in spreading the word and getting the tickets sold. It was envisaged that the hall would be the Saturday venue for the Folk festival this year. The committee again thanked Gregor for the donation from the 2009 festival. Fergus said it was hoped that the hall would be one of the venues for the Mushroom festival this year

Gala/mini games

Bridget reported that the Mini games Gala would be on Sunday 17th July and a meeting would be held in the new year to organise. It was hoped that Maureen would be able to get the marquee again. Good news was that Colin H was not going to tractor show this year and would join Colin T & B and give ubiquitous cover for a 24 hour period at minimum.

New Years Day Ceilidh

This would be held in MacGregor's Barn at Ledard Farm. If 70 tickets sold, the proceeds should amply cover full cost of band and a contribution for electricity leaving the raffle as profit for the hall. If exceptional circumstances gave rise to a shortfall, Fergus had agreed to a minimum £250 to cover some costs. It was widely hoped that it would not come to that. All to try and boost sales as it was a Saturday and more difficult to recruit FH on changeover day

Village Club

Agreed the license side of this could be looked at to see what was involved. Any decision, however, would have to involve a public meeting and more community input and discussion

Hall Opening

It was agreed that an opening would be good to have: probably an afternoon with facilities on display with tea/coffees etc then a function in the evening. That way should cover all types of potential users. Also agreed that "opener/s" should be local rather than an "outside" celebrity. Ideas to be canvassed and Katy to see if there was any "Community Event" funding to be had

Bridget thanked all for attending and the meeting closed to make room for the mince pies