

Minutes of AGM held in Kinlochard Village Hall on 11th December 2011 at 4.15 p.m.

Present:

Bridget Lewis (Chair), Peter Salgo (Treasurer), Katy Lamb (Secretary), Marjory Salgo, Eddie Wright, Fergus Wood (Trustee), James Murray-Brown, John Lewis, Douglas & Morag Philips, Catherine Love, Dianne Williamson, Jane Jackson, Gillian Lester, Fiona McLean, Pat & Colin Thomson, Colin & Linda Stewart, Elaine Bruce

Welcome

Bridget welcomed all to a very well attended, 1st AGM in the new Hall and remarked that it had been a snowy evening at the last AGM but more like floods this year!

Apologies

Apologies had been received: Colin Hutton, Colin & Ann Boyd, Claire Green, Gregor Wood

Minutes of AGM held on 19th December 2010

There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere

The minutes were proposed by Fergus and seconded by Colin Thomson

Chairman's Report

Main thing to mention from last year's AGM was the finishing and Grand Opening of the hall. Lets in the refurbished hall had taken off at a good pace. Weddings, Receptions, Parties, First Aid Training, Church Groups, National Park, Stirling Council, Scottish Water, to mention but a few.

Apart from D of E, Bambi and the usual institutions who are regular overnights, we had been host to the Pony Club for the first time. It suited them perfectly and they have booked for next year.

After Forest Hills kindly hosting Yoga, Community Council and History Society, they had all returned to the hall and were enjoying the improved facilities. Toddlers were also back in the hall.

The Community questionnaire had a 23% return. Bridget had found out that a similar questionnaire in Gartmore had an over 80% return. It was to be hoped that Kinlochard would aspire to have returns closer to this.

A number of suggestions had been received via the community survey and it is hoped that an entertainment sub-committee may progress with the ideas, including maybe a monthly event for older people.

It had been generally agreed that ad hoc things for youths would be good but regular evenings were probably not needed as they all had so much on as it was.

The Committee tried to take on board all views from the survey at the last Committee Meeting and some booking Terms & Conditions had been changed. A copy of booking stats, survey results and Committee minutes would shortly be available on www.kinlochard.org. It was also agreed that the AGM minutes and the accounts should go on the web site again.

The website continues to be a great asset with most enquiries coming via the electronic form. Colin Stewart was thanked for all his hard work.

Katy updated on forward bookings which included local and non local weddings and parties as well as a Burns Supper, Pony Club, Bambi, Contact the Elderly, election etc.

Fergus was also intending to run another folk workshop for youngsters again.

Exciting news was a very real possibility of getting Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain for a concert in September.

Refurbishment

Katy reported that there were some minor problems which required fixing and asked that all reported any faults so that they could be resolved by the builders within the "year" allowed for before all retainer fees became payable. Some "fillings" from above gutters/under tiles had come off. It was also reported that some edge flashing had sprung on the gable end.

Katy agreed to take photos and send an up to date list of faults to John White, our architect, for onward communication to Main Contractor. It was noted that a full list of "snags" would be agreed and sent to the architect at least one month prior to Retention becoming due.

Treasurer's Report

Peter spoke to the accounts already circulated. (attached)

He detailed the figures comparing 2010/2011 with 2009/10 for income and expenditure, which was somewhat more complicated this year due to building works, funding and the extended closure.

Kerry Clow was also thanked for continuing to carry out the Audit.

Peter then gave a brief up to date picture which showed a considerable increase in rental income

He intimated that after allowing for paying builders Retention fees (Approx £9K due April/May 2012) and paying for maintenance work yet to be invoiced, there was a surplus of around £9k

It was the intention to build up a maintenance fund and also there was electrical work and perhaps stage lighting to be improved

Bridget thanked Peter for his presentation of the accounts and his hard work since taking over as Treasurer in 2003. This past year had been quite onerous with grants, buildings, bridging finance, neurotic secretaries etc Peter was presented with a few goodies he was known to enjoy and a small plant was presented to Marjory in recognition of all the times she had had to put up with the Secretary popping round to get advice from the Treasurer

Nomination of Office Bearers

Bridget & Katy were willing to stand for re-election and there were no nominations from the floor.

Bridget & Katy were proposed by Fergus and seconded by Eddie

Nominations were then requested for the vacant position of Treasurer

Katy proposed James Murray-Brown and Colin Stewart seconded. James, being willing to take the office, was thus approved as Treasurer

Colin Hutton had intimated that he was standing down at the AGM after many years on the Committee Bridget minuted the Committee's thanks to Colin for his loyal and very practical help and support over his years on the Committee. All the other current committee would continue and Linda Stewart was agreed as a new member. Gillian, as a regular Hall user, was happy to attend meetings or be co-opted whenever necessary and was also willing to help with other duties as detailed in the questionnaire. Others, both present at AGM and through the questionnaire, had indicated they would be willing to help to share various day to day tasks and to help at the Gala/games

AOB

Gala/mini highland games

Bridget reported that this now regular annual event would be on Sunday 15th July 2012 and a meeting would be held in the New Year to organise. It was hoped that Maureen Campbell would be able to get the marquee again. We needed to get more help from younger (under65!) folk this year. It was agreed that, as there was no longer such financial pressure, some of the more onerous fundraising aspects might be discontinued. Given the tremendous generosity shown by local traders and others over the years it was felt that a simple egg bottle stall (and maybe kids tombola) with raffle in the evening would be sufficient and cut down the amount of work required by volunteers and the continued pressure on the traders. It was felt that concentrating on a Community Day for local enjoyment with Highland Games as the main advertising hook to ensure enough funds were raised to cover costs should be the slant. Ideas from the questionnaires would be discussed at the meeting in the New Year

New Years Day Ceilidh

Tickets are available from Katy, Bridget and Fergus – spread the word

Summer Ice (indoor table-top "curling")

Fergus asked if any decision had been made on the Summer Ice table which was still in his Barn. As had been discussed at the last Committee Meeting, it was agreed that, much as it would be nice to continue the local tradition of Summer Ice from time to time, the refurbished hall did not lend itself to storage of the sixteen feet long slate table. It was thus reluctantly agreed that it was not practical to have Summer Ice in the Hall

There being no other business, Bridget thanked all for coming and closed the meeting