

Sunday 17th September 2017 5.00 pm

Present: James Kennedy, Trevor Geraghty, Ian Morrison, Shirley Leek, Peter Clough, Jane Fifield, Bridget Lewis, John Lewis, Morag Phillips, Nigel Bonnett, Pauline Bonnett, Jane Jackson, Colin Hutton, Doreen Hutton, Fiona Mclean (Chair), James Murray-Brown (Treasurer) Katy Lamb (Secretary)

Welcome:

Fiona welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for coming

Apologies:

Had been received from Fergus Wood, Gregor Wood, Ann & Colin Boyd, and Maggie Smith

Minutes of Meeting held on 18th September 2016

There was one alleged inaccuracy which Andy Manders had highlighted concerning Fiona's usefulness as Chair. As this was a very inaccurate and indeed wrong allegation, it was agreed that it must have been meant as a joke! Fiona and Katy apologised that the projector, having worked perfectly 20 minutes earlier was now refusing to function. It was thus agreed that a copy of last years and this year's minutes would go to all present. We would also endeavour to get the minutes posted on Kinlochard.org

There was one matter arising not dealt with elsewhere

Non-Community "events" had been limited to 1 per month to be reviewed annually

There was some discussion on this. It was explained that we were financially sustainable at the level of 1 per month and that there was a strong argument to keep the hall available for local bookings as much as possible. It was appreciated that local employment may be affected by limiting non-community events, but it was also felt that we are a Village Hall first and a venue second. This rationale enables us to carry out our raison d'être of improving the quality of community life by providing an accessible, sustainable, and fit for purpose community building

It was agreed to keep the 1 per month limit and review in a year

Chair's Report

Fiona felt that we were fortunate to live in a thriving community with a good atmosphere

An achievement over the year was officially becoming a SCIO which, although a lot of work (not to mention money and lawyer's fees), was the way to go to ensure the future governance and structural sustainability and succession of the Hall. It has cost over £10K and £2.5 K had been gratefully received from Stirling Council as a grant towards these costs. The New Year's Day Ceilidh was a success as ever, winter TT competition was topped off with the community Burns night. This was a great evening, not least because of scary knife wielding by Catriona Scott (or was it David?) as the haggis was addressed! Kim Edgar performed, Summer BBQ and TT competition were held and enjoyed by all. Further highlights were the Cookroom events which were looked forward to, not just by the avid gourmets but also by many of the older kids in the village who did a brilliant job on the waiting and dressing up to keep within the evening "theme"

Finally, Fiona gave a massive thanks to this year's Gathering Committee and all helpers for putting on such a good day which was universally enjoyed. She also noted that the group were willing to organise again in 2018 – and wished them well

Fiona admitted to not getting round to organising input from all user groups for the AGM

However, she would ensure this was done for 2018

Fiona asked Katy to go over booking stats

Katy again apologised for lack of slides of the stats but said the headline figures for this year were

Use: Local 80%: Non- Local 20% Financial Contribution: Local 17%: Non-Local 83%

Thus continuing the past enviable trends whereby, the community gets the huge bulk of bookings but are subsidised by non-local lets enabling very financially accessible rates for the community

We also had a new policy for regular local lets whereby £10 was the maximum session let but if less than 10 folk there it was just £1 per attendee

There was a possibility of a new Bridge group starting up and also a taster "Dance" session was being held on 21st October. If this was a success, it was hoped to hold it more regularly

James Kennedy remarked that as an end user and having Book Group, he found the £1 per person policy very helpful

Fiona then went on to finish her report

There had been little maintenance or capital spend, as SCIO had been main expense. James would go into details in his report

She thanked the SCIO new committee and remarked that the Committee worked well with more task sharing beginning this year.

There were a number of people to whom the hall owed a particular vote of thanks:-

Stuart Oakey for his continued immaculate upkeep of the curtilage, Colin Boyd for his ubiquitous and eclectic abilities on the maintenance front, Pete for helping in this in particular going up the high ladder!

Maggie continues to be an inspiration to all especially the young on Monday TT evenings and finally, thanks to Maria for not just for the great job she does keeping the hall in amazing nick, but also for being a great help to the Secretary by forward planning and ensuring she is there to help with check ins and out and timeous cleaning when lets overlap

Fiona also thanked Katy for her work as booking Sec, Sec and general factotum

Fiona felt that the Hall is an important part of the community and helps to make the community a good place to belong to

Fiona then handed over to James for the Treasurer's report

Treasurer's Report

James handed round the unaudited accounts for approval. He explained that in basic terms, at the end of the financial year, April 2017, we had £18K in the bank with no pressing financial needs. At today's date that was now standing at £24K. He remarked that it continues to be relatively easy to be Treasurer as we were financially very sustainable. He concurred with the earlier decisions on limiting weddings as we could not argue a financial need for any more. He advised that the high "Miscellaneous" figure was mainly the costs for becoming a SCIO. 2016 was different in that it had quite high repairs and Maintenance when we redecorated, did the floor, an extra aircon and others. 2017 by comparison had very little with sofas, gazebos and the new projector being the main cap ex

The trend for 15/16/17 continues to show that we are blessed with a good level of lets

James Kennedy remarked that the total for the honesty box was high. James agreed that it was a phenomenal sum

James also explained that Gift Aid could be added to the honesty box figures if KVH could build up a 2 year history of Gift Aid Donations. James would endeavour to get things set up and the Committee could consider what could constitute suitable donations at future meetings

Doreen asked about the honesty box figure for 2018 which was on a handout which James had passed round

James explained that the sheet was only partial for 17/18 financial year and it would need to wait till next year to get the full figure. John Lewis asked if there were sufficient funds, could KVH purchase a new charcoal BBQ

It was agreed to do so

Office Bearers & Committee

Fiona handed the Chair to James Kennedy as the office bearers stood down

James ascertained that there were no nominations from the floor and that the 3 office bearers were willing to stand

Fiona was re-elected proposed- Shirley, Seconded – John Lewis

Katy was re-elected proposed- Bridget, Seconded – Pauline

James was re-elected proposed- Jane Jackson, Seconded – Fiona McLean

All members of the current Committee had agreed to stand for re-election.

Fiona asked if there were any further nominations from the floor

As there were none, the Committee was re-elected en masse- Proposed by Katy and seconded by James Kennedy

AOCB

James Kennedy had 4 points

1 What spend was envisaged- mainly chairs up to £6K – Could that mean we could have a white screen which had been asked for by a couple of the speakers for the History Society KVH Committee would consider

2 Web- site – Was it being maintained – It was explained that KVH would have to consider how this should be ongoing as Colin was moving away

3 Was the web site for the Hall or the community as communication was very important these days

It was explained that the web site was there by the behest of the Village Hall and that was how it came about

It did cover certain community matters but did not set out to be a Community disseminator, merely a site of interest and a means of booking the hall

It was easy to get into the trap of trying to be all things to all folk and lose the reason (and ease) of having a KVH website

4 Could the workings of the projector be looked at as tonight was not the first time it (nor the predecessor) had failed to communicate correctly with a laptop – this would be looked at

Katy asked Trevor Geraghty if he and others at Inversnaid and Stronie felt that KVH was their hall

He felt that most did and looked forward to up and coming events

Fiona remarked that we were at the first anniversary of becoming a SCIO – something to celebrate

Katy reminded all of up coming events (all on KVH Facebook page)

Dance on 21st October – Jane Fifield was hoping this would be popular and become a more regular event

House Folk – 10th and maybe the last – not to be missed!

8/9/10 November - Thursday 9th in KVH

– try to come along and spread the word for both events

John Lewis also put out a plea for folk to try the choir

This was a very informal group and lots of fun – not a note in sight – all done by ear, so no need to sight read nor even have previous experience – Come along Thursdays 7.45 in the hall – give it a try and pass it on

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

Financial Year Ended 30/04/2014				Financial Year Ended 30/04/2015				Financial Year Ended 30/04/2016				Financial Year End 30/04/2017			
		Total			Total				Total				Total		
Weddings	Local	1		Local	1			Local	3			Local	1		
	Outwith	6		Outwith	9			Outwith	8			Outwith	11		
Parties	Local	4		Local	2			Local	4			Local	6		
	Outwith	1		Outwith	3			Outwith	1			Outwith	0		
Other ent evenings	Local	7		Local	5			Local	7			Local	14		
	Outwith	0		Outwith	1			Outwith	2			Outwith	4		
Evening eg Yoga/club	Local	93		Local	118			Local	138			Local	108		
	Outwith	0		Outwith	0			Outwith	0			Outwith	0		
Daytime clubs Toddler	Local	52		Local	70			Local	62			Local	42		
	Outwith	0		Outwith	1			Outwith	3			Outwith	0		
Daytime lets Other	Local	16		Local	23			Local	8			Local	12		
	Outwith	13		Outwith	7			Outwith	14			Outwith	20		
DofE etc Stay over	Local	3		Local	5			Local	5			Local	0		
	Outwith	4		Outwith	7			Outwith	6			Outwith	4		
Other stay over	Local	0		Local	0			Local	0			Local	2		
	Outwith	7		Outwith	7			Outwith	3			Outwith	8		
Total		207	Financial Sp	Total	259	Financial Sp		Total	264	Financial Sp		Total	232	Financial Sp	
Total Days Avail		365		Days	365			Days	365			Days	365		
%		53	9310	%	63	15575		%	72	9310		%	64	15900	
Number Booked	Local	176	2945	Local	224	2925		Local	227	2945		Local	185	2700	
	Outwith	31	6365	Outwith	35	12650		Outwith	37	6365		Outwith	47	13200	
%	Local	85	32	Local	86	19		Local	86	32		Local	80	17	
	Outwith	15	68	Outwith	14	81		Outwith	14	68		Outwith	20	83	
Days with no booking & clean excluded)		170			135				146				135		
% Of Available Days		47			37				40				37		

Usage & Revenue

Comparative % Local and Outwith

