

## Minutes Directors' Meeting 11/08/2024

**Meeting opened:** 9:08

**Present:** Ann, Josie, Noelle, Richard, Andy, Heather, Gemma, Linda

**Apologies:** Russell

### Treasurer Report:

**Current Account Balance:** £3,371.71      **Reserve Account Balance:** £14,702.75

**Interest:** £19.25

### Deposits:

£200 – HC hall hire - elections

£87 – car boot sale (£60 – stalls, £27 – hall items sold)

### Payments:

### Payments approved:

£55 – markets for half share in new flags

£11 - Helen – curry night expenses

£34 - Simon – Companies House submission refund

- Ian Knox will submit an account for financial report and then donate the money back. Better paper trail.

### Ongoing Business:

- **AGM-** change to constitution to allow for 20 members minimum required by hall purchase from HC was approved. Josie Rothnie, Noelle Pierce and Richard Brown were nominated and all accepted their nominations so have joined the Board. All were welcomed. Simon will notify Companies House.
- **Hall Improvement/Maintenance –**
- **Maintenance day on 10<sup>th</sup> August** – things achieved: storeroom wall removed. (Now need flooring organised and maybe cupboard doors changed from sliding to opening) Exterior toilet door catch now works. Old storage heaters dismantled ready for disposal. Painting in toilet finished. Shelves installed upstairs and things taken up. Kitchen wall scrapped back and stabilised. (Now needs to be refilled and painted) Wetback installed at front door (Now just needs sealant and edging) Downpipes unblocked and trench dug to drain water. Weather was too bad to do some external things.

Still need to

- repair door frame on outside storage area
- damage caused by the frozen pipes in the outside toilets
- roof leaking again. - entrance porch, both upstairs rooms, porch storeroom and corridor storeroom. Situation needs further investigation/monitoring.

- **Purchase of the Hall** – Paperwork for the purchase has been sent and waiting for response and date of Council meeting.
- **Heating, Lighting and Energy** – **Andy** will contact Colin MacDonald to see if he can recommend what is needed and quote for installation of infrared panels.
- **Signage**- Community Hall sign at southern end of village need posts be to replaced. **Andy and Russell**
- **Winter events at hall** – **Andy** will look for a digital projector for movie nights and presentations when hall is hired. An amount of up to about £200 was decided.
- **Disability Access**- It was decided to get fine scalplings to make the path more suitable. **Andy**
- **Senior's Christmas Lunch** – **Russell** has applied for £150 from ACC to hold a Christmas lunch for seniors (over 65). No more information.

#### Other Business:

- Hall Hire for Michael McMillan <https://songsofhope.org.uk/michael-mcmillan/> for Rev Iain McLeod at 7pm on 29 August. It was decided not to charge for the booking but to put a donations box out if anyone wanted to donate for attendance.

#### Chicken Day planning:

- **Live Chickens** – Entrant registration form completed and Biodiversity Advice completed and put up on website along with a link to the bird registration site. We need to write a contingency plan. **Heather and Ann** will work on this when Heather gets back. Notification needs to be given to HC at least 7 days prior to event.
- **Activities** - There was discussion about possible new activities. Details attached.
- **Kids competitions** – It was decided that the children's craft competition will be a "The Perfect Chicken house in a shoebox" and school's competition will be "My favourite Chicken" collage - A4 sized. Schools will be Ullapool, Lochinver, Achiltibuie, Scourie and entry will be free. **Who is contacting schools????**
- **Advertising** – It was decided to get some roadside signs (Big ones for Lochinver cattle grid, Braemore Junction and Ledmore Junction) out 1 month before (14 August) so Gemma will work on getting these finished first. Continue the electronic advertising with Facebook posts on Chicken Day Facebook page. We will start getting information in Ullapool News other newspapers such as Northern Times. P&J? Gairloch News?

**Ann** will get a detailed poster made then everyone will distribute them where they can. Details of possible locations attached.

- **Donations** - Everyone is collecting donations and updating spreadsheet.
  
- **Kitchen/Food** – Jane not available to help Tessa. **Andy** will see if Eilidh is available
  - **Gabriel** to try sourcing a large heavy based frying pan for onions.
  - Need oil, sauces (tomato, mustard, mayo, brown sauce)
  - Get hot dogs 4 jars (8). So need to get finger buns as well as burger buns.
  - **Heather** will donate a packet of veggie burgers that can be cooked separately in the kitchen.
  - Check paper plates, napkins
  - Prices to stay same as Midsummer Fete but don't charge extra for cheese burger (£6.00)
  
- **Other stuff**
  - check enough rosettes and medallions - **Gemma**
  - **PA system** – **Gabriel**
  - **Floats** for different areas – **Heather**
  - **Parking** – need to let police know ??? Get traffic cones/ signs from police ????
  - People to manage parking (3) ???
  - **Rubbish** – get bins emptied before/after event. Put extra bins out ????
  - **Toilets** - clean and make sure enough soap, toilet paper, hand towel - **Ann**
  - **Grass cutting** – **Andy**
  - **Marquee erection/ table set up** - **Andy**

## 2024 Events

**Evening of Song** – 29<sup>th</sup> August

**Car Boot Sale** – 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Chicken Day** – 14<sup>th</sup> September

Meeting closed: 11:01

Next meeting: Saturday, 31st August, 5pm