

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 6th October 2014

Present

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)
Peter Bird (Vice-chair)
Iain MacNeil (Trustee)
Kate Dawson (Secretary)
Howard Warner (Treasurer)
Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)

Apologies

Stephen MacAulay
Donnie Steele
Ronald MacKinnon

Minuted by Kate Dawson

- 1. Welcome:** Mairi welcomed everyone to the meeting. We noted our sadness at the death of Carl MacPhee and passed our condolences to Ronnie and his family.

We also noted our sympathy and condolences to the family of Donald MacInnes

- 2. Approval of Minutes (August 2014):** The minutes were approved as drawn (HW, PB)

- 3. WISE co-ordinator:** Angela was not in attendance, no response to this invitation, to continue to keep in touch.

4. Matters arising:

- a. Following the litter collection, KD wrote to the Co-op: no response; to write again. We'd previously agreed that we'd approach them for support in kind in future. KD still to write to councillors and community councils re co-ordinating and sponsoring litter collections and community clean-up events: roll over.
- b. New Benches: our local councillors have all responded positively with grants towards the seating project: to go ahead with this. KD to arrange benches, contact builders re plinth. Letter of thanks to be done.
- c. Development worker: no update
- d. KD met with Angus MacDonald from the council to look at the areas where flooding was severe last winter. The main problem appears not to be specifically with the roadside drains, but with the main land-drains through the township. Angus undertook to circulate relevant information from

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other interested parties concerning the upkeep and improvement of drains. We also identified some of our trees which need cutting back.

5. Fundraising: Hogmanay party. We noted that the hall are now putting on two other events very close to ours. Trail West is playing on the 28/12/14 and Manran is playing on the 03/01/2014. Carinish are also having an event on 30/12/14. We discussed whether we should hold our own event and agreed that we would, aiming to keep this as a family-orientated event.

- a. Sue MacDonald will do bar training for all bar staff, both for ourselves and for the Hall committee. The training is 2 hours (maximum) and covers all of the legal aspects for running the bar. KD to liaise. Howard agrees to be named licensee
- b. To liaise with Mr Steele, new co-op manager re alcohol (sale or return) or consider Lovats. We also need to agree a pricing plan that is in keeping.
- c. Tickets: we agreed that we would sell tickets in advance: Howard will print. Pricing structure: Pre-sale family of 4 £20, Adult £8 Child £3 On the night: Adult £10, Child £5
Wrist bands: over or under 18 on presentation of ticket or cash at the door. (2 colours)
- d. Face the West: The hall committee are looking for stewards, in return they will donate funds to the pitch fund.
- e. Bar staff/stewards: we'll need a team of 6-8 minimum, KD to ask Stephen MacAulay re football team volunteers, also Graham MacLeod, Rosie Wicks, Howard.
- f. Band: Ronnie will continue to be our band contact, they are charging £300 for the evening.
- g. Advertising: to go on the website, facebook page, posters, to start advertising soon.
- h. KD to contact David MacInnes to find out hall capacity, whether we can use the café.
- i. KD will organise fireworks
- j. Mairi B will either do the countdown, or find someone suitable to do this
- k. We discussed tea/coffee/food. Mairi will liaise with Stepping Stones, also to find out from David if we could have an urn, etc. We will decide based on information. We will sell crisps etc behind the bar.
- l. Hours: 10pm to 1am, doors close 2am

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6. Accounts: Full report not available. Finances remain in good fettle. We note the tremendous support offered to the MacPhees, and their decision to donate money to the pitch, which has really highlighted the tremendous role the team has within the community.

7. Pitch Plans:

- a. No direct feedback re plans
- b. Informal feedback discussed between KD and Malcolm MacIver: he will liaise with Stephen MacAulay re digging a trial pit and assessing the depth of peat at the site.
- c. We also reviewed the other points raised, including the run of the drains, septic tank, design and site of changing room, etc.
- d. We also discussed the possibility of siting the stand on Colin MacPherson's croft: football team members happy to donate some of their trades and skills to the building work: to be costed and then provided in kind.
- e. KD reviewed other changing facilities and pitches on Lewis with Emma MacSween.

8. Iochdar Playground: No update

9. A.O.C.B. : No AOCB

10. Next meeting: Next meeting early November, to be confirmed
