

FOCHABERS PUBLIC INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th August, 2016, 7.30pm

at 29 High Street

PRESENT: Gordon Christie, George Turnbull, Liz Rennie, Sybil Stuart, Elspeth Fordyce, Margo Howe, John Wiles, Frances Duncan

1. APOLOGIES: Stewart Harris, Alan Brown, Sheila Gray, Iain Rennie, Una Hamilton

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute was approved.

3. REPORTS FROM HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

: Hall Management

- The current balance is £13723.
- Agreed ongoing progress on works should be notified to existing user groups.

Liz: Fund Raising

- Successful Gala over £6000 raised and more money to community groups this year but should be some for Hall also.
- 300 Club draw went well and still encouraging more members.
- Still to investigate Crown funding.

George and Gordon: The Project

- Two updated tenders received and contract awarded in July to G & A Construction.
- Savings were made without compromising finished product.
- 5 metre opening now, no lift and limited work on stage.
- Savings still possible on heating and lighting.
- Adjusted specification on doors.
- Work to start Mid September. Finish March 2017.
- Still finishing spec on stage lighting and sound.

Stewart: PR

- no update.

4. Funding:

- Success with application to The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation with an award of £60000.
- Success with the Robertson Trust with an award of £20,000.
- Received further funding from the Abbeyfield Fund with an award of £200,000.
- Elizabeth was successful with the application for funds at the recent Moray Council Money for Moray event and we received £5,000.
- Elizabeth has agreed to apply for £10,000 from Awards for All scheme.
- Stewart still applying for funds such as the Weir Foundation.
- Gordon to speak to The Crown Estate representatives.

5. AOCB

- Gordon has made arrangements to get the Gas meter removed.
- Gordon to notify new head of primary (Kay Mackintosh) about closure of hall car park.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- **20th September – Heads of Departments 7.30pm**
- **15th November – Hall Committee 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 8.30.