

FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

HALL COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held on 27.08.2019, 7.30pm, The Hub

PRESENT: Gordon Christie, Alan Brown, Iain Rennie, Liz Rennie, John Howie, John Wiles, Sam Noble, Una Hamilton

APOLOGIES: Janet Hallyburton, Sybil Stuart, Joan Jones

1. WELCOME

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sam reported that fewer numbers attended the Wedding Show on 18th August and that many of those attendees had already booked their venues.

Matters arising will be dealt with in departmental reports.

The Minute was approved.

3. UPDATES

FINANCE: Alan

The monthly balance was £12,067.

The July income was down but it is the quietest month.

In general, bookings are up on last year and it is sometimes a struggle to fit requests in.

Bar events have proved profitable.

Expenditure on biomass fuel is up to £800.

Income this month from the solar panels should be £1000.

There remains an outstanding loan.

EVENTS: Liz

- There has been a slow uptake of tickets for the Topsy Tea Party. The sub committee is to meet on 14.09.2019.
Tickets cost £25 and includes Afternoon Tea, refreshments throughout the afternoon and entertainment.
The press has been notified.
- The Christmas Party sub committee will meet on 3.09.2019.
- Iain is to follow up the new Christmas lights.
- There is no date set for Gala 2020. A decision will be made when the date of Speyfest is announced.

HALL MANAGEMENT: Sam

- The Theatre Group will give two performances, matinee and evening, of Cinderella on Saturday, 21st December.
Since this is a new start up, there was discussion as to how the Hall Committee could help them financially. It was decided to give assistance with hall letting costs.
- The bowlers are planning a Fun Night on 19th December. Sam reported to John that it was unlikely that the Theatre Group would require the hall that night.
- New bookings include:

Yoga. Due to its success this has now been made a permanent booking.

Toddlers' Football

Cake Decorating

- There are four wedding bookings for 2020.
- The comedy hypnotist and magician are returning on 28.02.2020.
- There was water ingress during the very heavy rain recently. It is thought that it may have been caused by the direction of the rain.
- Sam will be unavailable 27-29th September.

4. A.O.C.B.

- The Lifestyle advert will not be repeated.
- Alan has received a request from a German documentary crew to film an Arc session. Gordon said this should be passed to Mhairi.
- Stewart has submitted an application for funding, for an air conditioning system in the balcony, to Awards for All.
- Mick Hoyland has been contracted to paint the back and side walls.
- The cooker is to be plumbed in next week.
- The installation of speakers in the Christie Room will be discussed with CLS Aberdeen on Thursday 29th.
- John Wiles reported that the Bowling Club competition will take place on 1st and 2nd December. The 1st is fully booked. A celebration tea is planned on the Sunday afternoon between the semi-final and final of the competition.
There will be a display of photos etc, illustrating the history of the club, in the Christie Room on Saturday, 1st.
- John Howie reported on the various tasks the Men's Shed have undertaken, including, blocks for the Garmouth Nursery, a plinth at the Nether Dallachy Memorial, a tidy of the mosaics at Spey Bay, making spinning wheels.
A bandsaw, with extractor, was donated allowing them to expand the type of work they can undertake.
The Men's Shed will also refurbish one of the benches in The Square. If this is successful, the others will also be done.
It was suggested they could also look at refurbishing the fountain .

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next meeting will be held on 19th November, 7.30pm, The Hub.