

Furnace Community S.C.I.O Meeting 06/08/2020

Present - Karen Baird(Chair),Ruth Tott(Vice chair),Elaine Polanski(Treasurer),Sharon Mcinness,Gill Telfer(Secretary)

Also Present - Andy Henderson,Robbie Bell,Margaret McIntyre.

Apologies - Val Whale,Carol Watt.

Minutes of last meeting - Approved

Matters arising - Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report - Opening bank balance - £645.05 - Current Balance - £621.83

Opening Cash Balance - £1,783.77 - current Balance - £431.74

Current Account Balance - £21,775.29

An Suidhe Windfarm Fund - Furnace Community Hall is in need of repairs.These include painting,repairs to the floor,a new lock for the front door and further electrical points in the bar area plus any plaster work that is required.Quotes and costings for these will need to be applied for. DouglasWatt has been asked to make a comprehensive list of all work needed.Ruth will contact building contractors and obtain 2 to 3 quotes.As the hall is normally in such great use by the community this is very much in the interests of the whole village. The deadline for new grant applications is September/October 2020.Any other suggestions will be welcomed.

Social Committee - It has been decided by the committee that due to the continuing virus situation the hall will not be open for any events for the foreseeable future.

The Christmas party,a major event for the village will unfortunately not go ahead this year.It was proposed that instead,vouchers for Furnace Stores could be given.This solution was agreed by the committee.

Karen suggested a 'decorate your window' competition for Christmas,all agreed that this was a great idea.

It was agreed that an outdoor license should be applied for.This would enable the area at the back of the hall to be used by families.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE -

Ruth has contacted MPLC concerning licensing for showing films The cost incurred for this will be £139.00 including vat.

S.S.E.N Update.

S.S.E.N employees are given one day each every year in order to do work for the community, known as 'Make a difference day'. Applications for this should be made as soon as possible.

It was proposed to make more of the space behind the hall with a view to making a family orientated space. This would include fencing off the area, levelling of the ground and laying of chips from the quarry. Also the gap between the hall and store, which has been smashed through needs to be blocked off. The fence would then be painted and various plants and climbers would be added.

Balfour Beatty also do the same scheme with their employees so they will also be approached.

SHOP COMMUNITY BUYOUT UPDATE - An estimate to cover the cost of repairs to the shop extension should be received shortly.

Douglas Watt will oversee work required and obtain workers to carry this out.

The plans submitted by Ewan Stewart (architect) specify that electrical and joinery work is required before the completion certificate can be obtained.

£8,000.00 has been ring fenced to cover the costs.

Repairs to the bungalow are also required. Windows need replacing and guttering replaced/repaired.

Andy will send the quote from Douglas when this is obtained.

A.O.C.B.

Fly Tipping - This has become a major problem in Furnace, especially in recent weeks along with dog fouling. Campers are discarding tents and rubbish along with other forms of dumping of rubbish.

Suggestions to try and combat these problems were - signs including - no fly tipping or camping and no dog fouling.

Ruth suggested banners to be erected.

Karen will contact the council to ask for provision of signs.

Website Update - Ruth will set up everyone on the SCIO as admin in order to view..

There will be drop down menu's and once the site is up and running content will be wanted. Each group and Furnace Stores will have it's own page and updates can then be made by individual groups.

It is hoped that the launch will be on the 31st October 2020.

This will be a real asset to the village and any input and comments will be welcome.

Thank you to Karen,Ruth and Lynda for all your work in setting this up.

Next Meeting - To be announced at a later date.

