

MINUTES OF FURNACE COMMUNITY SCIO MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2021 at 7.30pm via ZOOM

1. IN ATTENDANCE

Karen Baird (Chair), Ruth Tott (Vice Chair), Elaine Polanski (Treasurer), Sue Campbell (Secretary), and Sharon MacInnes.

2. APOLOGIES

Gill Telfer and Carol Watt.

3. MINUTES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Review of the Bowman Stewart Structural Report into the Furnace Village Hall

A short meeting was called by the committee to discuss the Bowman Stewart report into the inspection of the structural condition of the Furnace Village Hall, which took place on 11 March 2021.

Discussion

The discussion followed an outline of the priorities as identified by the report, which included urgent repairs to the timber floor, floor ventilation, rainwater goods and roof slates, and the actions to be taken.

Karen said that a colleague with knowledge of undertaking building repairs stated that the overall priority is to waterproof the building and address all repairs in key areas affected by water, outlined in the report.

Actions

- Contractors

The next steps were to consider assigning contractors to undertake the repairs.

Crawford's have quoted to undertake general works on the hall that may cover some of the repairs in the report. Crawford's would be asked to quote for all aspects listed as priorities. Ruth said that Crawford's would be available for a meeting with members of the SCIO sometime this week to go over the report's priorities. An exact date is to be arranged. (*RT to contact Crawford's.*)

It was agreed that other contractors are to be considered – eg, Watt's Plumbing for the drains and Sue is to ask Ewan Stewart at Bowman Stewart's for his suggestions of local contractors who have done similar works. (*SC to contact ES.*)

It was agreed that all contractors would be asked to quote on lifting the floorboards to inspect the timbers further and to replace them after the inspection. Replacing the floorboards would need to be done in time for the Election of MSPs taking place on 6 May.

The inspection of the village hall's external bar door, as mentioned in the report, was also discussed. It was agreed to ask Crawford's who are due to paint the exterior and the interior of the hall to look at this.

Treasurer's Update

Elaine updated the group on the SCIO's finances and reported that £2,000 was raised at the Easter village fair. Elaine outlined the areas of expenditure so far and how it was important to continue fundraising through various initiatives and outdoor events, especially until the village hall can open, and social events can start again.

Public Communications

Elaine also stated that several communications would be issued that explain SCIO's fundraising aims and where monies would be spent. Ruth reported that a village Twitter account had been opened and that its handle would be the village's email address. *(EP to circulate this address.)* There was a call out for regular blogs to be written on SCIO activities.

Hall Clean up

Ruth confirmed that the hall will be opened on 12 April for a deep clean by SCIO volunteers and that the hall's kitchen would also be cleaned to hygiene standards and made ready for using in a commercial capacity.

A Terms and Conditions for the hall is to be drawn up, with reference to leaving the kitchen as it was found.

AOCB

Karen is to provide a biography of the new minister for the Furnace website. *(KB to send to RT)*

It was agreed to buy a key safe for the safe keeping and handover of the village hall's keys.

Ruth reported that the Furnace History Walks would take place on 18 April and 25 April. The second date is due to demand for places. It was considered that a recording of Duncan's talk should be made.

A cleaning charge is to be asked for use of the village hall during the Election of MSPs on 6 May.

End.