

MINUTES OF FURNACE COMMUNITY SCIO MEETING

WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2021 at 7.00pm, VILLAGE HALL

1. IN ATTENDANCE

Karen Baird (Chair), Ruth Tott (Vice Chair), Elaine Polanski (Treasurer), Sue Campbell (Secretary), Gill Telfer, Carol Watt and Margaret McIntyre.

2. APOLOGIES

Sharon MacInnes.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

a. VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

- i. *External Painting* – this has been done.
- ii. *Internal Painting* – the main hall and the bar have been repainted. Sue is to ask Crawford's if the Bar's rear window has been refilled and painted. Once the floor works are completed further opportunities to repaint will include the Entrance, the toilets and shower areas and the Kitchen. The Kitchen is not urgent and will be discussed later in the year.
- iii. A final invoice for work to date is to be requested from Crawford's by Sue.
- iv. The electrical, general works, painting and external guttering work undertaken in the hall to date, has been covered by the An Suidhe Wind Farm Community grant.
- v. *Door Locks* – it was agreed to ask Crawford's to replace the locks. A Key Safe system is going to be used.
- vi. *Meeting with Stuart Crawford, 21/07/21* – Sue updated on the meeting earlier today.
 1. A new quote has now been received for replacing the floorboards. The SCIO Committee agreed to proceed with this work and to accept the quote. Crawford's are to be informed.
 2. It is hoped that the work could be completed by end of September 2021.
 3. The floor repairs quote for all joists and all centre Joists will be completed as the quote No 421. The SCIO Committee is proceeding with this work. (This as agreed in the SCIO Committee meeting of 28 May.)
 4. Ventilation – quote 425 – this work will be undertaken once the floor repairs begin. A meeting with Crawford's will be arranged to view the progress once the floorboards are up.
- vii. *Rainwater investigations* – it was agreed to ask Crawford's to go ahead and do the investigation as Quote 424. Sue to tell Crawford's.

- viii. *Lights* - The internal scaffolding will be returned to the Hall for the lights to be reinstalled.
- ix. *Foundation Scotland Micro Grant Scheme award* – Elaine reported that the SCIO was successful in being awarded a mini grant from the Community Council towards its floor works.
- x. *Slate repairs* – Sue is to ask Stuart about the status of the roof.

4. EVENTS

A programme of community events is to be devised for the coming year to help with raising funds for the upkeep of the hall. All events will be Covid -19 compliant.

The Committee considered the following events:

1. A Community Party on the Park.
2. An opening event once the hall refurbishments are completed, possibly in early October.
3. An event like the one held at Easter with David and Cindy in front of the Community Shop and Village Hall on 4 September.
 - a. It would be planned by members of SCIO and organised in conjunction with David and Cindy.
 - b. The event would possibly open with Bingo in the Village car park. The Bingo would be on a first come, first served basis, due to anticipated numbers.
 - c. The event has a working title of 'End of Summer Bash'.

The event would also offer the following:

Hire a stall – for produce, clothes, Tombola, Raffle, a Vintage Tea, Cake stall, a SCIO membership table – meet the team, join the lottery, and give contact details.

Actions – Ruth is to link to the Community Shop. Karen will liaise with the school about having a produce stall. Sue is to read through the Terms and Conditions for hiring the hall.

5. MONEY

An Suidhe Windfarm Grant 2022

Members considered ideas for applying for this year's grant award. Ideas offered were:

Community Survey, Leacainn Walk repairs, Programme of Events

These ideas have also been considered by the Community Council.

Karen suggested that we could ask Mike Johnston for an update on the state of the Leacainn Walk so far and then quotes could be gathered for any suggested repairs to the walk.

Artwork for the original Leacainn Walk leaflet is to be recovered. Karen is to ask Mike.

Other ideas discussed:

- Holding a Sleep Clinic in the hall,
- Future proofing the village's amenities with an environmental plan to use renewable energy solutions to reduce utility bills, such as use of solar panels.

Further research will be undertaken in consideration of these ideas. Sue to investigate latest information on solar panel use.

6. FUNDRAISING PLANNING

2021's planning has been considered, as above, and will be underway.

FUTURE SCIO MEETINGS

It was agreed to run SCIO meetings bi-monthly and during alternative months to the Community Council. The following meetings are planned:

- 18 August 2021 - Annual General Meeting

A SCIO committee meeting will follow the AGM to discuss the forthcoming Summer Bash. The Accounts will be ready for the AGM.

Ruth will advertise the AGM on Everything Furnace two weeks before the event. David and Cindy will be invited to the AGM.

7. AOCB

There was no other business.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The SCIO AGM Wednesday 18 August 2021.