

SCIO COMMITTEE MEETING 20 JANUARY 2022, 7.30PM

FURNACE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

1. IN ATTENDANCE

Karen Baird (Chair), Ruth Tott (Vice Chair), Elaine Polanski (Treasurer), Sue Campbell (Secretary), Sharon MacInnes, Gill Telfer, Carol Watt, Mark Boston, Ann Dodd, Ronnie Dodd, Lynda Henderson and Andy Henderson.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (4 November 2021)

The minutes were agreed as a correct reflection of the meeting and were Proposed by Sharon MacInnes and seconded by Gill Telfer.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chair covered several matters arising regarding the update on the hall:

Outstanding work in the Village Hall –

The floor needs another coat of varnish

Chair legs need new rubber protectors

A bump to the wall by the door to the shed needs repainting

New blinds are to be fitted

A scrap on the floor is to be sanded down. (Ronnie Dodd)

The bar windowsill painting has been completed

Electricity –

Elaine reported that we are waiting on a first bill of the year before finding out what the rebate will be.

Photographs of the hall -

Photographs of the new interior of the hall will be taken at the next Bingo meeting for putting up on our website.

The old floor beams –

These will not now be used for a shed and will be offered to anyone who wants to use the wood.

5. MONEY/GRANTS

Elaine outlined the accounts for the Bar and SCIO funds. The Bar's balance is £1,278.76. Some stock is needed for the bar in 2022. The SCIO current bank balance is £6,239.51. Some of this balance is allocated to the Bowling team who are arranging their own bank account. Elaine is to 'ring-fence' an amount for the Community Shop. (EP)

Energy Assessment Report by ZeroWaste Scotland

Sue Campbell outlined the energy assessment report that had been delivered by ZeroWaste Scotland on the Village Hall. It offers energy solutions that could possibly reduce our carbon footprint and energy bills. A selection of recommendations is offered in the report for SCIO members to consider. Sue suggested circulating the report to those present to ask for any views and for any questions to take back to ZeroWaste Scotland to ask for their help in assisting us with 'future proofing' the hall on behalf of the Furnace community.

6. FUNDRAISING PLANNING

The following events and ideas were discussed for taking forward in 2022 to fundraise for the hall and community.

Planned: A children's party. Boxercise for Children has been booked in the hall for weekly meetings over the coming months.

Ideas for future events included:

A Craft Day,

Race Night – Sharon is to contact Roundtable to find out if they are going to run events this year. (Sharon)

Cocktail Night, a Ladies Night, a Vintage Tea.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, June 2022.

It was agreed to hold a village event to celebrate this occasion on Saturday 4 June, 1pm to 4pm. Various ideas were discussed including an old-fashioned street party with games and music. An early meeting will be set up to discuss the arrangements.

A Furnace Market

As several local craft/farm type markets are taking place in Mid-Argyll on various Saturdays during the coming months it was thought that Furnace would not hold its own market but instead it could hold a tabletop/junk/jumble sale market.

Andy Henderson reminded the meeting that an auction as held 12 years ago might

be something to consider as a future fundraiser and that she would circulate the list of experiences and items on offer. (Andy Henderson). Ronnie Dodd volunteered to be our auctioneer. (*Thank you, Ronnie.*)

Auction Night - Friday 3 June 2022 at 7.30pm

It was agreed that the auction could be combined with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. An early meeting will be set up to plan for such an event. (SCIO)

Clothes Swap – 8 April 2022

'Easter Egg-stravaganza' – Sunday 17 April 2022 1pm – 4pm

This event would recreate the successful Spring fair held in front of the Village Hall and the community shop in 2021. David and Cindy would be invited to participate again. The event would include craft/cake/plant stalls, a raffle, outside bingo, teas and coffees, competitions – eg, for best decorated eggs, guess the weight of the cake, and tombola. A bar extension would be applied for. (Elaine) Ruth will put the date out to local market stall holders in case they can attend.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Sharon will speak to Martin Wilson about taking the Christmas Tree lights down.
- The shop requires new smoke alarms to comply with Scottish Government regulations.
- The hall's fire extinguishers have been checked.
- It was agreed to permanently house the voting booth on behalf of Argyll Council in the shed.
- Cindy and David MacInnes have asked SCIO for a new shop contract to be negotiated before the original five-year contract is up.
- The very successful Sunday Lunches will take place monthly in 2022 and may include a Fish Friday event.
- Funding for the Leacainn Walk to be repaired has been awarded by the Community Council. Karen will speak to Lynda Syed about this.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is planned for 10th March 2022.

