

## **SCIO COMMITTEE MEETING**

**10 MARCH 2022 at 7.30PM**

**FURNACE VILLAGE HALL**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. IN ATTENDANCE**

Karen Baird (Chair), Elaine Polanski (Treasurer), Sue Campbell (Secretary), Sharon MacInnes, Carol Watt, Mark Boston and Andy Henderson.

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies from Gill Telfer and Ruth Tott.

#### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (20 January 2022)**

The minutes were agreed as a correct reflection of the meeting and were Proposed by Sharon MacInnes and Seconded by Elaine Polanski.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

Two matters arising were offered by Andy Henderson and discussed:

1. The Community Shop and Bungalow
2. Fundraising Planning – Auction Night

##### **The Community Shop and Bungalow**

It was agreed that any mention of the Community Shop in the minutes should use the full title of Community Shop and Bungalow.

The lease is up for renewal next year and the negotiations would stand by the values of the original community buyout. SCIO is responsible for dilapidations. The paperwork for renewing the lease would be prepared in advance. (SCIO)

##### **Auction Night, 3 June 2022**

Regarding the planning of this major fundraising event Andy Henderson suggested that a small group should be formed to help with its organisation. Andy and Mark offered to lead on the planning with input from the rest of the committee. (Andy & Mark)

It was also agreed that part of the auction's fundraising would contribute to the Ukraine relief effort. This support for Ukraine would be communicated to business donors and villagers.

An auctioneer is required for the event and Kenny Miller would be asked for his help. Sharon will speak to Kenny. Mark Boston volunteered to assist Kenny in the auction. (Sharon)

In mentioning this event, it was decided to continue discussing fundraising plans at this point.

## **5. FUNDRAISING PLANNING**

A list of forthcoming events has been produced and this will be circulated around the village to inform villagers of what's coming. A few amends are to be made to this list. Eg, For the Auction Night we should mention that part of the funds raised will go to Ukraine, and for the Queens's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party we should ask people to bring a plate of food. (Karen)

### **Race Night, Friday 11 March**

This is a Roundtable event in the village hall that raises funds for SCIO. Sharon and Carol will help to set up tables.

### **Easter Egg-stravaganza, Sunday 17 April**

As last Easter's successful fair it is planned that a raffle, tombola, cake stall, craft and teas and coffees will be available. (Check with RT if market holders in the area know about this event?)

Sharon and Elaine will lead on organising this event with help from other committee members.

Elaine – will produce a poster for this based on last year's details. People will be encouraged to hire a table.

Depending on the weather tables will be erected inside the Village Hall. It is possible that 11 tables will be required.

Sue suggested she would set up a table with blue and yellow items for raising funds for the Ukrainian relief effort. (Sue)

Karen will investigate setting up a face painting table. (Karen)

Sharon will arrange a painting of eggs table. (Sharon)

Furnace village bakers will be asked to make cakes for the teas. (SCIO)

### **Auction Night, Friday 3 June**

As above everyone is encouraged to raise items for the Auction and Sharon will contact some local businesses.

### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party, Saturday, 4 June**

Again, a team will be set up to organise the tea party. Carol and Sue will lead on this event.

A poster will be required, and people will be asked to bring a plate of food. This could be included as a buffet.

Planning will include outdoor and indoor provision using the hall as required. The celebrations will aim to include bunting, cakes, pots of tea, squash, music and games for all the family.

Mark suggested that a barbeque could be set up to offer burgers in rolls.

## **6. HALL UPDATE**

### **Bar**

The village bar is open to all Furnace residents. It was reported that the bar has been quiet of late. The bar is open on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon. David and Cindy's Sunday

lunches will run once a month and the bar will then be open from 1pm until 7pm. The bar is also open for events such as Bingo nights and Race nights.

It was agreed to review the bar's use in three months' time. Elaine will draw up another Sunday rota of SCIO committee volunteers for the next three months (April-July). (Elaine)

It was considered that visitors and holiday guests to the area should be encouraged to come to the bar. A notice could be placed in holiday homes local to Furnace. A money off voucher could be considered.

### **Noticeboard**

It was agreed to review the condition of the Village hall's external notice boards, as one of the boards is missing its case but this will be reattached.

### **Energy Assessment Report**

Mark suggested that this report's recommendations should not be dismissed 'out of hand' but that the report provoked several questions regarding implementation, costs, viability during this current energy crisis, and applying for grants. He suggested that it would be worth asking Zero Waste Scotland for their advice. Mark has supplied three relevant questions plus additional ones, as his earlier email, and Sue will put these to the Zero Waste Scotland consultant concerned. (Sue)

### **7.MONEY**

Elaine reported on the current state of the bar and SCIO balances. Both balances are positive. It was agreed to transfer some bar funds to the SCIO balance which would take the balance to about £9k. Some small expenditures will be made this Spring for work needed in the hall – such as floor wood varnish, table/chair stoppers, a brush and shovel, and a mop and bucket. It was agreed to hold off buying new blinds just now.

Mark said that hand sanitizer is being donated by the Furnace Community Council.

### **8. AOB**

#### **Hall Fire Safety**

Sharon gave an update on fire safety provision for the hall and that a map and stickers giving numbers of call points were being organised together with fire safety training. The code for the fire alarm is 3312. A risk assessment of the hall has been started. Mark suggested that a fire alarm could be fitted to the rear of the hall by the toilets.

#### **Leacainn Walk**

A leaflet is still being compiled it was suggested that an external sponsor may be asked to help us in getting a new leaflet printed. Karen said that she had two versions of a leaflet and would bring them to the next meeting. Elaine suggested a printers called Solo, which may be able to help print this. Mark suggested that Scottish Woodland, as the organisation responsible for cutting down the trees in the Leacainn Walk, should be approached. He will check his contact details.

### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting: **12 May 2022 at 7.30pm** in the village hall.