

SCIO COMMITTEE MEETING
28th September at 7.30PM
VILLAGE HALL, FURNACE

MINUTES

ATTENDENCE (In alphabetical order)

Karen Baird (**Chair**), Robbie Bell, Mark Boston, John Campbell, Craig Dickson (**Vice-Chair**), Hazel Grey, Andy Henderson, Cindy MacInnes (**Shop**), David Macinnes (**Shop**), Sharon MacInnes, Margaret MacIntyre, Louise Mackellar, Kenneth MacKellar, Lynda Syed, Gill Teflor, Ruth Tott (**Secretary**), Carol Watt

APOLOGIES

Eva Patterson (**Treasurer**), Lynsey McKinnon (**Social Club**)

The SCIO welcomes Craig Dickson and Eva Patterson who takes up their trustee roles of Vice Chair and Treasurer with immediate effect.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (12 May 2022)

The minutes were agreed as a correct reflection of the meeting and were proposed by Sharon MacInnes and seconded by Ruth Tott.

MATTERS ARISING

No valuation has been arranged with a view to keeping up records regarding SCIO assets. David and Cindy to be consulted regarding suitable day.

JC asked if it would be appropriate for funding to be found to tarmac over the front of the shop. D&C felt that this money would be better spent elsewhere, particularly as tarmac could ice over causing problems for customers. There is also a petrol tank embedded underground from the days when there was a petrol pump outside the shop. D&C did explore options for reinstating the tank and pump but the cost was prohibitive.

General discussion followed about 'gentrifying' the front of the hall with tubs of flowers/hanging baskets etc in the spring. A possible micro-grant may be available to help. It was stated that access to parking in front of the hall must not be blocked.

HALL REPAIRS

RT mentioned the gap under the door of the fire escape in the bar. SM suggested we contact company who fitted the bungalow windows. RT to contact them and get quotes for a new door.

BUNGALOW/SHOP

D&C raised matter concerning insulation in the bungalow. KB to go through files to seek out Energy Performance Certificate. It was decided that it may be time to commission a new one. Help may be available from Warm Energy Scotland.

Also asked about legislation regarding oil tank distance from wall and testing of electrics in the bungalow. Pat Test is due. KB to look in file.

EVENTS

D&C confirmed October 7th will be the last FRY day. (NOTE not said at meeting as we quickly moved on but SCIO wants to thank D&C on behalf of the community for all their hard work in providing this much appreciated service).

14th October – Cocktail Evening. Working party tba. Publicity will go out next week. Dress Up? Still to be confirmed.

SM suggested we contact the entertainer back for a mid November event who was so good for 3 'old folks' parties. This was warmly received.

SM to organise lights and Christmas trees (outside) in time for the Christmas Light Switch on to be held on Saturday December 3rd. More details will be formed at next meeting in October.

SM still to hear back from the Rotary regarding holding a race night.

WARM HUB

The Community Council and SCIO were looking to organise a weekly drop in for bowl of soup etc in the hall. Dorothy Wallace is organising a weekly warm hub in Inveraray and asked if she would like her to start the ball rolling in Furnace. This was gratefully accepted. KB to liaise. We felt we had to offer not only soup and refreshments but could do toy swops, maybe a film. There are at least 5 volunteers who would help out. Wednesdays would be the best day.

KB asked if any interest in a Gala Weekend for next year. Interest was expressed but just for a day rather than 3 days. MB mentioned it could coincide with the Coronation. This was felt to be a good idea.

SM reminded everyone that the RWE Eredine Wind Farm Consultation was tomorrow and urged all residents to go.

SCIO

Karen outlined that SCIO needs to recruit new members to the Furnace Community SCIO board to replace the current Treasurer and Secretary. She also stressed that recruiting more new committee members would be very useful to help with event organising and to establish sub committees to help with workloads.

RT raised that the Community Council were in the same position and were going to hold an open evening, possibly with a free drink or / and food, giving a chance to explain what the CC does and use it to get more involved. The CC would welcome the SCIO to join in. The SCIO agreed. A date will be set once the CC has had their elections at the end of October.

MONEY

The new treasurer is away. In her absence we will be able to make sure everything ticks over regarding salaries etc.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The SCIO thanks Richard Joynson for all his help regarding the work on Leacainn Forest Walk.

LS said that she would like, time permitting, to put in an application for some An Suidhe Windfall money to create a couple of car parking spots in Queen Elizabeth. All residents have recently received a letter from the council about parking. There is no provision for off road parking so all residents have to park on the street. Some households have more than one vehicle and others have health needs that require them to park near their house, currently they are not able to do this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday October 26th at 7.30pm