

SCIO COMMITTEE MEETING
24th November at 7.30PM
VILLAGE HALL, FURNACE

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE (In alphabetical order)

Karen Baird (**Chair**), Robbie Bell, Jan Brown (Councillor), Andy Henderson, Sharon MacInnes, Margaret MacIntyre, Louise Mackellar, Kenneth MacKellar, Lynsey McKinnon (**Social Club**), Eva Paterson (**Treasurer**), Gill Tefler, Ruth Tott (**Secretary**), Martin Wilson

APOLOGIES

Craig Dickson (**Vice-Chair**), Mark Boston, Carol Watt

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes were agreed as a correct reflection of the meeting and were proposed by Sharon MacInnes and seconded by Gill Tefler

MATTERS ARISING

AH raised possible complication over proposed valuation, for insurance purposes, of the bungalow and shop that it shouldn't go on the balance sheet. See Appendix 1 for full details.

SM confirmed that a quote is coming for the new fire door for the bar – the SCIO agreed to replace the wooden door with a PVC one.

MEMBERSHIP

Lynsey to have forms to ensure that all hall and social club users were signed up to the SCIO and the Social Club. We will push out on Friday.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SCIO balance £18,155. Social Club balance £1,393. £1000 has been transferred to the SCIO account.

HALL UPKEEP

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We have a larger freezer in the store.

RT reported that the Heat and Greet Wednesday's were a good atmosphere. Hours have been reduced to reflect current usage.

SOCIAL CLUB

Christmas opening times: Xmas Eve 6 – 10pm, Closed Xmas Day, Boxing Day 6 -10pm.

Closed over new year due to staff/volunteer shortage.

Now have 5 volunteers for the Sundays. Sundays growing increasingly popular again.

EVENTS / FUNDRAISING

The outdoor tree has been delivered but not put in place. Lights for tree and hall in hand ready for the switch on 2nd December. A timer has been secured for lights to go out on the hall at midnight.

Decorating hall and indoor Xmas tree 1st December 2pm.

Mulled wine, mince pies (also serve up Christmas Cocktails from the bar). Father Christmas will be coming along to hand out presents for the children.

Karen reported back from Co Op meeting. They need more up to date photos. Hopefully these will be available shortly. Co op have also said we can have a day promoting the initiative in-store. It was thought we could use this to also promote the Amazon Smile and Argyll Lottery.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We have been contacted by Debra regarding a grant from the Cora Foundation giving up to £5000 to distribute where most help could be done to ease cost of living crisis. Suggested that we purchase coal or/and top up pre-payment cards for electricity meter via the shop.

Jan Brown will send through information on the Flexible Food Fund. Take up is modest in Mid-Argyll region.

An Suidhe Windfarm or another grant to be considered for getting Furnace 'lit up' for next Christmas. Martin to oversee the project.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There is no meeting in December.

The next meeting will be Thursday January 26th at 7.30. A happy New year to all our readers.

Appendix 1

Follow up note from Andy Henderson regarding valuation

"At the SCIO meeting last night I asked why the shop and bungalow are to be valued and I fully appreciate the importance of needing an up to date valuation for insurance purposes. However, I do think that it could cause unnecessary complications for the future if the SCIO started to produce annual accounts with an 'Assets and Liabilities' balance sheet. I think that for simplicity the SCIO only needs to meet the OSCR requirements.

I have checked the OSCR website and it seems that non-business charitable organisations with an income of less than £250,000 are only required to submit audited 'Receipts and Expenditure' accounts - which I think, is what happens at the moment. If a full balance sheet were to be produced and the valuation of the shop and bungalow was to be included perhaps a valuation of the Hall and any other assets that the SCIO owns would also have to be listed and updated each year with any increase in value and/or depreciation".