

MINUTES

FURNACE COMMUNITY SCIO MEETING

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023 19.30 FURNACE VILLAGE HALL

1. **PRESENT:** Karen Baird (Chair), Eva Paterson (Treasurer), Sharon MacInnes, Carol Watt, Gill Telfer, Lynda Syed, Margaret MacIntyre, Adele Sinclair, Mark Boston, Anne Dodd, Ronnie Dodd, Kenneth MacKellar, Louise MacKellar, Sue Campbell. John Campbell, Edith MacKellar.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Andy Henderson, Lynsey McKinnon

3. **MINUTES:** Agreed. Proposed Sharon, seconded Carol

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Name Change: For clarification – following the suggestion of a name change at the last meeting (on the grounds that not everyone understands what a SCIO is) the organisation is retaining the current name for official purposes whilst testing out members reaction to Furnace Fyne Folk

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Eva reported that the SCIO bank account currently stands at £22,985 and the Social Club account at £2,033

- The cost of BT has been reduced by £7 per month
- Grant money has been paid to coal merchant and Electric recipients. Co-op gift cards yet to be received

6. **FIRE DOOR – UPDATE:** Sharon has a quote from Camerons for £450

Agreed to accept quote

7. SHOP AND BUNGALOW:

- the house needs a new sink
- there is nasty stuff coming up through the drain in the store room. There was a suggestion that the drain be moved outside

ACTIONS: Karen to contact Fyne Homes (the source of the problem)

- Carol to ask Watts to take a look
- There is some urgency in agreeing a new lease as David and Cindy have suppliers contracts due for renewal. Need to look into a rolling lease agreement on these grounds

ACTION: scio Committee members to meet for discussion on lease Tuesday 28 February 19.15 at Sharon's.

- 8. CORRA FUND UPDATE:** Huge thanks to Sharon for all her hard work in devising a way to distribute money fairly. Those who have coal to receive bag of coal via Coal merchant, those with a prepay electric meter to receive top up and co op vouchers for the rest.

9. EVENTS:

Coronation Celebration

To be along the lines of the Jubilee on Sunday 7 May

Easter

Possibility that David and Cindy will serve a lunch in the Hall TBC

Bingo

Bringing in around £200 per month

10. LEACAINN WALK

John Campbell volunteered to lead a sub group to look into the maintenance of the Walk. One quote suggests the total cost could be around £90k.

ACTION: John to approach people to form a sub group, look into what needs to be done, get quotes and look into raising the necessary funds.

Karen to forward Richard Joynson's report which has formed the basis of the current quote

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Supporting Communities Grant

There is an invitation from the Council's Community development Officer to apply for a grant for activities. Mark suggested a "Grow Your Own" Project so

residents can build window boxes and grow flowers/herbs/vegetables. With the possibility of bringing in someone to lead it.

ACTION: Lynda to look into the application process.

Heating in the Hall Ronnie raised the issue of inefficient heating in the Hall – to be looked into

Parking Area Agreed to approach MacDonalds for suggestion about resurfacing and a quote

Notice Board Current notice boards outside the Hall are unusable. Peter Hogbin has sent a list of suppliers to Sharon

Furnace Sign : Vote of thanks to Ronnie and Mark for putting up the sign

Defibrillator: Andy Craven has checked and replaced battery (£30). New pads not needed yet.

Chairs: 15 chairs have been binned new ones will be arriving at a cost of £218.95

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 30 March 19.30 Furnace Village Hall