

FURNACE FYNE FOLK SCIO

(NB. A SCIO is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Minutes of the meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 30 March 2023

1. **PRESENT:** Karen Baird (Chair), Eva Paterson (Treasurer), Andy Henderson (Secretary), Sharon MacInnes, Carol Watt, Ann Dodd, Ronnie Dodd, Louise MacKellar, Kenneth MacKellar, Adele Sinclair, Edith MacKellar, Peter Hogbin, Mark Boston, Martin Wilson.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Lynda Syed, Sue Campbell, John Campbell, Gill Telfer.
3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None.
5. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Eva reported that the SCIO bank account currently stands at £24,316 and the Social Club bank account is £2,312. £1,000 has since been transferred from the Social Club to the SCIO.
6. **THE HALL AND BUS SHELTER:** *The door in the Bar area has been replaced.
 - * There is a gap in the Hall where a draft excluder is needed.
 - * Mark drew attention to the need for window blinds as the daylight makes it difficult to see when the projector is being used. Sharon offered to order roller blinds now that there are sufficient funds.
 - * If there is any further vandalism to the bus shelter the Council will stop making repairs and will take it away.
 - * It was agreed that CCTV cameras are necessary and to deal with vandalism and other potential problems 4 should be bought and, as suggested by Martin, positioned as follows:-

One outside the Hall entrance, one inside the Hall, one at the Shed/Stockroom and one in the Bar area. Mark has had 3 quotes - one too cheap to be feasible, one unrealistically high at £23,000, and one from Chubb, a professional company used by Fyne Ales. Their quote was in the region of £3,000 - £5,000 and Mark will check if that price still applies.
 - * Tarmac outside the Hall - Ronnie has asked Donald MacDonald for an estimate to level and resurface the area and will chase this up as he has not had a response so far.
 - * Heating - Ronnie has been exploring alternatives - black heating is more efficient when used constantly and therefore is not suitable for us but there are glowing heat systems which are not too bright and wouldn't be a problem when using the projector. Peter mentioned that MacLeods had installed a satisfactory new system in Ardrishaig Hall and Ronnie will check this out.
7. **SHOP AND BUNGALOW:** *The current 5 year lease is in its final year and the Committee will offer David and Cindy a further 5 year lease with the first 2 years at the current annual rate (to take account of the amount that David and Cindy have spent equipping the shop and kitchen).
 - * Carol says the drain issue needs to be investigated further. The fall may be insufficient and also problems may be coming from the usage at the Fyne Homes houses if wipes are being flushed away and causing blockages. Mike Masters will be consulted to check if he can identify when the problem started.

8. EVENTS: * The format of the Coronation Event on Sunday 7 May will be similar to that of the Platinum Jubilee Party - volunteers will be required and also contributions of food. Ronnie suggested a competition for a Coronation Cake centrepiece and Mark mentioned that plastic tablecloths should be clipped to the table as they can be a nuisance in a windy day. Sharon proposed using fabric table cloths and clips.

- * Easter Sunday - David and Cindy will be offering an Easter Sunday Roast at 1 pm.
- * Monthly Friday Bingo Nights - these are going very well with up to 80 people coming including some from as far as Tarbert and Strachur. These nights can make around £50 for the Hall and the Bar also does well.

9. THE LEACAINN WALK: * John Campbell who has offered to lead a sub-group to look into the maintenance issues was not able to attend the meeting. Lynda Syed has just become aware of the imminent closing date for an An Suidhe Fund grant and will try to submit an application to repair one of the bridges that Richard Johnson has identified as needing attention.

- * Karen mentioned the need to update the leaflets about the walk. Andy suggested that she should contact Lynda (Henderson) for information on what is involved as she did a lot of work on the first two leaflets. Ann Dodd has some copies of these leaflets which she will bring to the next meeting.
- * Funding for the leaflets - it is unlikely that the Forestry Commission will help as they wouldn't even contribute to the cost of replacing some of the signs on the walk.

10. AOB: * It was agreed that Lynda Syed will join the SCIO Committee with a remit for fundraising. It was also agreed that Andy will be Secretary.

- * Eva has asked for £2,800 for the 'Grow Your Own' project and Lynda has applied for funding.
- * Ruth has asked for someone to take over the updating of the Furnace Website and she has offered training. The possibility of paying someone should be discussed at a future meeting.
- * Chairs - 5 replacements have arrived and it was agreed to order a further 5.
- * Shed padlock - Sharon will get more keys cut.
- * Replacement of notice boards - pending.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that future meetings will be bi-monthly and so the next meeting will be on Thursday 25 May at 7.30 pm.