

KENTALLEN & DUROR COMMUNITY SCIO (SCO25839)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 30th November 2020 on Zoom

Present:

Trustees: Moira Stoddart (Minute Secretary), Ali Heaton (Treasurer) Alan Young (Chairman), Audrey Godfrey (Booking Secretary), Brian Morton, Sandra Jamieson

Members: Jonathan Baxter, Joanne Baxter, Sandy Stoddart, Lea Thomson, Campbell Thomson, Jan Gibson, Andrea Mcnicoll, Charlotte Mair, William Burke

Apologies: Chris Pearman, Ann Burke, Deborah McCartney

Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM

The minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting were accepted as read by the committee and community members (who had all received a copy by email), approved by Audrey Godfrey, seconded by Ali Heaton, to be signed later by Alan Young, Chairman.

Chairman's Report

The COVID 19 pandemic has had a lot of ramifications for the Community Centre, both financially and socially, as it has hugely curtailed use of the Hall. Fundraising has been down significantly due to lack of hall hires. We received a £10,000 COVID grant from the Highland Council on behalf of the Scottish Govt. We also received a filming location fee of £8000 from the Sixteen Highland Ltd film company who hired the Hall during October and November. Ironically we are now in the best financial position we have been in for many years. The biggest loss of income was the cancellation of the Scottish Six Day Trials but they generously gave us a donation of £250. Many of the usual events and classes at the Hall in 2020 have been cancelled and also the VE Day celebrations which we had hoped to have. We did however have a Rough Edges concert last November, a Jumble Sale run by Becky Coope, Katrina Chrystal and Christine Ross in January and a Quiz Night in February which were all highly successful. Another positive was the installation of solar panels at the Hall for which we were able to receive 100% grants from SSE and The Highland Council. The volunteer work parties which took place have been great and made a big difference to the appearance of the Hall and grounds.

Thanks to Jimmy MacDonald for all his work in the grounds; grass cutting etc and working with the heating, also Graham Lobb for working on the heating and setting the timer for the heating for hall bookings, thanks to Alison and Tony Hunt for a great job cleaning the hall. Alison and Tony are no longer able to do this so we will have to find a solution to this once the Hall is reopened. Other events which took place before the Covid pandemic were the annual Burns supper, the Church Soup lunches, Pilates classes, Crafts group, Keep Fit group, Bowls group. As to the future of the Hall there are no concrete plans but lots will happen in the coming year, depending on COVID limitations. We will have a Grand Reopening, a Summer Fete, a Village Meet and Greet, and a Rough Edges concert in the Summer. A project just starting is the Memorial Wood tree planting. Leaflets have already gone out to everyone in the community about this and we hope people will get involved in this. The saplings have already been donated by The Woodlands Trust. An area of the grounds to the left of the Hall will be split into 3 areas (Groves) and Duror Primary School have been asked to choose a name for these. We will have a large Christmas Tree outside the Hall to cheer

the place up and Rev Sandy will be holding a Christmas Carols Drive-In in the Hall car park on Sunday 13th December.

Treasurer's Report

Ali gave the Treasurer's report as follows:

Receipts for year - £35,763.23

Payments for year - £22,261.74

Surplus for year - £13,501.49

Closing Bank balance at the end of the year - £24,420.21

Fundraising/Hall Hire and Donations for last year (2018-19) were £17,787.61 and this year due to Covid-19 were £9,176.23 leaving an income shortage of £8611.38, however we had a grant from the Government of £10k for loss of income which has helped greatly.

Grants total for this year were £26,207 – for solar panels £16207 (Highland Council £5885 and SSE £10322). The other £10k was as above.

Maintenance this year was £16,721.80 – up on last year's £13k.

Solar panels grants were £16207 and the spend so far is £14939, making money left in the pot of £1268 (Alan pointed out that we still have a few costs to pay out for this).

Other routine hall maintenance was £1782.80.

The accounts have been checked by Jimmy Martin from Pineapple House.

The funds of £8k regarding the filming were received in October 2020 and will appear in 2020-21 financial accounts.

Resignation of Trustees

All trustees resigned as per the constitution and are all willing to stand for re-election except for Moira Stoddart and Linda Johnson.

Alan thanked Moira and Linda for all their work on the committee.

Nomination and appointment of new Trustees (as per constitution)

Lea Thomson was nominated by Audrey Godfrey and seconded by Ali Heaton.

Andrea Mcnicoll was nominated by Alan Young and seconded by Brian Morton.

Brian Morton was proposed by Ali Heaton and seconded by Audrey Godfrey.

Ali Heaton was proposed by Audrey Godfrey and seconded by Sandra Jamieson.

Audrey Godfrey was proposed by Jan Gibson and seconded by Alan Young.
Sandra Jamieson was proposed by Ali Heaton and seconded by Jonathan Baxter.
Deborah McCartney was proposed by Alan Young and seconded by Brian Morton.
Alan Young was proposed by Jan Gibson and seconded by Sandra Jamieson.

Confirmation of New Members

Alan will send Leah and Campbell Thomson community membership forms.
If anyone else is interested just contact Alan or one of the other committee members.

Questions from attendees

Jan Gibson commented that the committee have done a fantastic job under difficult circumstances this year due to the pandemic and she thanked them all for their hard work.

Alan thanked Jonathan Baxter for his help sending out community emails.

Alan thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.