

**Applecross Community Hall Committee Meeting 22/04/2024 at 7pm (Applecross Hall & online)
Minutes**

Minutes taken by Saara Viitanen

Present: Barbara Gillies (BG), Saara Viitanen (SV), Agnes Rymowicz (AR), Rhona McPartlin (RM), Elodie Matthews (EM)

Apologies: Ishbel Ferguson (IF), Anne Macrae (AM), Christian Burgin (CB), April Maria Hingley (AMH), Daniella Joyce (DJ)

Agenda Items

Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 25/03/23

- RM proposed, EM seconded the previous meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- Nothing to report on the SCIO incorporation.
- Music licence – CB gave figures of door takings, and BG sent these off to the licensing body.
- BG to liaise with CB about an order for heating oil.
- Windows should be cleaned soon – RM to organise.
- Generous raffle prizes of 2 gin tastings and distillery tours were kindly donated by Badachro Distillery. AR to contact the Black Isle Brewery to ask for a donation by the end of July.
- There is just under £6,000 left in the children's mental health and wellbeing funding pot.
- There is £5,950 left in the adults' mental health and wellbeing funding pot currently.
- The North Highland Initiative's Community Infrastructure Fund is available again, and BG suggested this could be applied for for improvements to the carpark.

Bar Report

- AM gave an update via email.
- Need to advertise for volunteers – BG to lead.
- The bar is required for a private event on 28th June. BG to liaise with Alfie.

Report of Action Points

Toddler Playpark Update

- AMH to update in the next meeting.
- A strupag was suggested as a fundraiser for the toddler playpark. AMH to think about a date and BG/EM/AM/RM to support. There was a funding pot suggested as an option too. There was an idea raised to have people bring dishes from their own countries.

Hairdresser / Beautician

- BG to liaise with the hairdresser / beautician about a poster.

The Touring Network

- BG was asked to attend a webinar by the Touring Network to talk about organising rural events and being a rural venue on the 11th June.
- Slanjayvah Danza, who performed at the hall last year, are keen to organise workshops in Applecross to feed back to their work. This could potentially be part-funded by the Touring Network, with match funding from the hall.

Performance Events

- The Comraich Ceilidh Band will perform at Hogmanay!
- The Black Rock Ceilidh Band is set to perform at the Duathlon ceilidh in September.
- BG is liaising with another potential band.

Cinema

- There had been a suggestion to get some beanbags for seating. It was suggested perhaps some of the existing funding pots could be spent for this.
- SV to have a look for beanbags.

Building Maintenance

- BG is liaising with Donald to have a look at the carpark and suggest improvements.
- BG is also liaising with George about various repairs in the hall.
- A new outdoor ashtray should be installed.
- The dishwasher might need serviced and the fridge cleaned / repaired – BG to have a look.
- Various volunteers re-organised and tidied the storage cupboard, but some work is still to be done.
- BG to follow up with Robert about painting, and with lunch club about the freezer.

Sharing Table

- It was suggested that a small fridge could be placed around the sharing table for items that need stored in the fridge. AR/AM to discuss/organise.
- The Sharing Table has been very popular and received lots of positive feedback.

AOB

- No other business raised.

Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday the 3rd June 2024 at 7pm.

BG concluded the meeting.