

**Applecross Community Hall Committee Meeting 17/06/2024 at 7pm (Applecross Hall & online)
Minutes**

Minutes taken by Saara Viitanen

Present: Barbara Gillies (BG), Saara Viitanen (SV), Elodie Matthews (EM), Ishbel Ferguson (IF), Anne Macrae (AM), Daniella Joyce (DJ)

Apologies: Rhona McPartlin (RM), Christian Burgin (CB), April Maria Hingley (AMH), Agnes Rymowicz (AR)

Agenda Items

Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 22/04/24

- EM proposed, BG seconded the previous minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- CB is to report later, but his focus is the SCIO incorporation.
- CB has also managed a large saving on charity rates.

Bar Report

- AM reported on stock needed for upcoming events.
- AM still to make a checklist for bar jobs.
- There was a discussion about bar staff for upcoming events. BG to talk with Judith.

Report of Action Points

Raffle Prizes

- Two tickets for Inverewe Gardens had kindly been donated.
- AR to update about a possible prize donation from Black Isle Brewery.
- There was a suggestion about a fun & learning day involving the Coastguard / Fire & Rescue, perhaps tied to a strupag, in July. AM

to lead this.

Children & Young People

- A discussion was had about ideas for activities within the mental health & wellbeing funding pot.

Toddler Playpark Update

- AMW to update in the next meeting.

Hairdresser / Beautician

- The visit to the hall went very well and the hairdresser and beautician are coming back in July.
- The foot health care professional is keen to continue to come to the hall, as long as bookings continue.

Events

- Ideas / details for a silent disco, perhaps in autumn/winter, were discussed - BG to ask around within the Micro Touring Network. This could be part of the Dark Skies Festival.
- BG had received an enquiry from a band, and potential dates for next year's concert were discussed, possibly in spring.
- AM had had a conversation with an artist who had gotten in touch with the hall about a possible workshop / exhibition. Awaiting further reply from the artist about funding.
- There was a general discussion about Applecross-wide events, e.g. the Celtman Solo. BG to liaise with the organiser about volunteers.
- The wedding had gone very well. SV to add some photos on the website.
- There was a discussion about suggested Fun Day in July or August.

Cinema

- Beanbags / comfortable seating are still to be sourced / quote to be sought.

Building Maintenance

- A quote had been received for the car parking drainage improvement works. **BG to apply for funding for this.**
- A new volunteer for grass cutting is required, as Mike has decided to stand back. The committee is very grateful to Mike for his efforts and time.
- The polling stations had been repaired by George for the upcoming general election.
- Window masticking and some maintenance on lights is going to commence soon.
- George is also going to fix the front door.
- The new ashtray is now up.
- Still awaiting reply regarding the handrail at the front door.
- **BG to contact a company to fix the dishwasher.**
- **BG to ask if Lunch Club volunteers could help with defrosting the freezer.**
- **BG to ask for an update about the outdoor painting.**
- It was pointed out that the front corridor could be made more welcoming. Suggestions included refreshing paintwork in the corridor, purchasing a new larger mat for the entrance and wall clocks, especially for the bar room.
- It was also noted that the ladies toilets should have sanitary bins in the cubicles.
- One of the sinks in the ladies toilets needs looked at.

Sharing Table

- There was a general discussion about ideas / further funding for the sharing table.
- **AM to lead on getting some new items for the sharing table.**

Policies

- **BG to follow up with Judith about food hygiene training.**

AOB

- No other business raised.

Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 29th July at 7pm.

BG concluded the meeting.