

**ACHMORE COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025 at 7.30pm**

1) Present: Mhairi Macrae, Angie Gibson, Ellanne Fraser, Ruth Mockett, Jackie Parsons  
Mel Prytz (minutes)

2) Apologies: Patti Heaviside, Marion Howat,

3) Approval of June minutes: Mhairi approved the minutes and Angie seconded the minutes.

4) Treasurer's Report: Mhairi reported that as of today, the Hall Bank Balance is £8,215.12.  
A payment of £40 has for hall hire will bring the total to £8255.12

5) Booking Report: 'Trees For Life' enquired about a booking but that has now been postponed until 2026.  
The hall is booked for band rehearsal this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

6) <u>100 Club</u> :	JULY	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Patti Heaviside (to be returned as payment for membership)
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Kenny Martin
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Jo Heaviside (to be returned as payment for membership)
	AUGUST	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Sunil Pullaperuma
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	John & Christine Taylor
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Moray Waddell

7) Correspondence:

Local Energy Scotland wrote to check that the copy they are putting on their website about the renewables installation to Achmore Hall was okay.

Jim re LED Bulb prices for wall lights. Delivery free with orders over £100.

Ewan Falconer with a price for repairing render on the front of the hall. £2160 inc VAT.

8) Matters Arising:

a) Hall Governance/Legal

i) Draft SCIO – The first draft is ready to send out to the community.

Mhairi is following up with the SCIO subcommittee for distribution to the Hall committee.

b) Hall Maintenance

- i) Bulbs for LED wall lighting: half a dozen to be purchased.
- ii) Harling: Jackie awaiting another quote
- iii) Drainage /pipework/soak away needs investigation as it is very unclear how and where the pipes go. Jackie Colin and others had made initial exploration. It was suggested a workparty needs to be recruited from the community. Anyone with helpful skills and able to potentially do some heavy work. A call out to be put on the community Whats App.
- iv) New Shed: Jackie will look into applying for funding for a new shed with - Lottery Community Fund 'Awards for All' and/or HC Ward 5 Discretionary Fund. Mhairi also looking into other funding available.
- v) Render needs repair on front wall of Hall. Jackie awaiting another quote.
- vi) Fire Manual Control Point (MCPE) A weekly check to be added to the cleaning/maintenance routine. Angie advised.

c) Hall Equipment:

- i) Shelving in Crockery cupboard: Neil Barra will do them at the next Repair Cafe.
- ii) Pool Table Repairs: Sean Mc Fleet will do this when he is at the cubs but needs some strong folk to turn the table on its side in order to do this. It is planned to turn it at the next cubs Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. It can be rested against the end wall. Angie has said she will come along and help.
- iii) Damaged Equipment in Shed: remaining tressle table to be left to dry out and kept for future use.
- iv) Trophy Shelf: IS UP and looking beautiful.
- v) PA System: Mhairi was going to look at systems whilst in Glasgow and is in touch with David about the spec he had researched and sent through. Concern was raised that it needs to be a simple system that everyone can use. Ruth described the very easy system at Auchtertyre Primary that can also be linked to a laptop for film screenings. She will send the details to Mhairi

d) Fundraising:

- i) Table sale fundraiser: Dates to discuss after Jeannie's recycling event in Sept
- ii) Film Night: Jo the Head at Plockton High School has agreed to a barter system with us. They will loan projector and screen equipment to us for a film night in exchange for stage hire etc We can get in touch with Andrew Mc Grath (also at cubs) to arrange this. Some discussion took place about type of film kids, adults etc and suggested it be organised for Autumn/November. Date and film to be decided.

e) Lets Do Net Zero:

Unspent Money from Grant will be ring fenced for CU Upgrade in future

f) Hall Information Pack for Committee Members:

Mhairi has made a draft, though some specific details are still missing. She will send it around to the committee for feedback.

AOB) Some General Information

The next Community Council Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Aug have invited Plockton.C.C to join them for detailing recommendations to HC on the Achmore – Duncraig/Plockton Rd.

The meeting closed at 9pm

**The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 at 7.30pm**