

ACHMORE COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of meeting Wednesday 6th May 2026 following SGM

1) Present: Ellanne Fraser, David Kemp (Chair), Mhairi Macrae (Treasurer), Angie Gibson (Bookings Clerk), Melanie Prytz (Secretary) Olivia Loughlin, Marion Howat, Ruth Mockett, Patti Heaviside, Regine Frei.

2) Apologies: Kate Tomlinson.

3) Approval of April minutes: Patti approved the minutes and Mhairi seconded the minutes.

4) Treasurer's Report:

The current bank balance is £11,758.58

Mhairi will be setting up a new RBS account for the new SCIO banking.

5) Booking Report:

'Pop Up Pottery' for Plockton and District Horticultural Society on Thurs 14th May evening.

Angie has put all bookings on the Stromeferry and Achmore Website calendar and it is looking great.

Charges for the Hall Hire were reviewed by the committee and are attached below. Angie will also amend these on the website

6) 100 Club: 1st Prize Patti Heaviside

2nd Prize Marion Howat

3rd Prize Kenny Martin

7) Correspondence:

SCVO re support and advice for transfer to SCIO zoom call arranged.

FMS Solicitors re Quote for conveyancing fee with asset transfer to SCIO

SSE re Smart Meter delay and compensation/complaint

8) Matters Arising:

a) **Hall Governance/Legal**

i) ACHA Wind Up/ and transfer of Assets to new SCIO: We have been given approval from OSCR to Wind Up ACHA. As a result the ACHA committee held a Special General Meeting earlier this evening for the formal vote on wind up / dissolution of ACHA in line with it's constitutional requirements: Article 13. The vote for dissolution was unanimous.

Mhairi and Mel reported back that advice has been sought from SCVO on the transfer process of utilities, bank account etc and the legal process and time frame for transfer of assets from ACHA to ASCT (Achmore and Stromeferry Community Trust). Mhairi and Mel have a follow up zoom call with Rhonda McLean from SCVO on Tues 12th May.

A quote for conveyancing fees was requested from FMS Solicitors in Kyle and they responded with details and a quote for a fee of £850 plus VAT.

Funding may be available towards conveyancing fees and Mhairi is looking into CO-OP Community Fund and RBS Community Fund.

The committee all agreed to proceed with using FMS if it is thought the most suitable option. Patti suggested asking for a discount as a community organisation.

ii)Liquor License – Kate to go ahead and do the Government recommended course and provide feedback

iii)Hall Legal Documentation Firesafe Box

Mel to follow up what is legally required for the Hall deeds etc.

b) Hall Maintenance

i)Hall Lighting- Mel has not heard back from Jim re purchasing LED tubes so will follow up with him.

ii) Smart Meter Installation/ Electricity contract

The Smart Meter has been installed and an App relating to the Tesla Battery has shown 2.3megakw have been sent to the grid. Mhairi is following up a complaints procedure with SSE for compensation and release from our contract if possible. Mhairi is also seeking advice on SSE VAT rates from a VAT specialist recommended by SCVO. (SSE auditors have requested a breakdown of business versus non-business use in order for Hall to be VAT rated at 5%). Mhairi also suggested ACHA contacting and registering with 'Utility Aid' who have found other local village halls some very good energy deals and contracts (including feed in tariffs)

iii)New Shed Update

Mel to follow up the base build with Duncan as we need to pay for the new shed ASAP. There will be some spare funds that we could ask the funding body if we could use for lighting and tools. This will need to be approved of and spent before closing down our current (ACHA) RBS Account. This Grant Money cannot be transferred to the new SCIO account.

Patti following up an electrician for potential shed power/lighting installation quote.

iv)Garden Tidy- request for bedding plants to be put on Community Whats App.

c) Fundraising

i) Table Top Sale/Quiz Night: Saturday 9th May

The hall will be open from 9.30am for folk to set up tables and the cafe area. Table Top Sale – 10am-2pm. Olivia to repost on Community Whats App and ask for baking contributions.

Quiz Night 7.30pm for 8pm start. BYOB and nibbles. £5 per person. Max 5 members per team. Mhairi will get a float.

lii) Winter Gig- MAL

Kates friend Finn McPherson would like to book the hall for 19th Dec. The Hall standing capacity is 100.

iv) Games evenings to be arranged

v) Growers Hub to be arranged later in season

Meeting closed 9.11pm
Next meeting 3rd June 2026 7.30pm