

Shieldaig Community Association SCIO

Minutes 21st Apr '15

Apologies: Jim Alexander, Liam Perks

Present: Pauline McNeil, Stephanie Ash, Ann Barton, Nommie Cameron, Kenny Livingstone, Brian Ash, Lyndsay Dacker, Sarah Wedgwood and 1 member

Minutes of 7th March approved

A vote of thanks and gift presented to Richard Munday in recognition of many years of service to the community as a Director & Chair of Shieldaig Sports Association, managing the conversion to a SCIO and as a Trustee of the SCA SCIO.

Treasurer's report

- Hall kitchen project - cooker, extractor & new kitchen units paid for. David Seel & Scott's electrical yet to be invoiced/paid.
- New gas Barbeque has been purchased for the village.
- Underlying bank balance £24,183.97, the budget is on track.
- BACS system being used for more for both regular & ad hoc payments - there are security measures in place with Bank of Scotland for this system.
- A proposal - to keep Christmas gifts to Primary aged children only from this year - all Trustees in agreement.
- Accounts info on noticeboards will be a simpler format of 2 sheets A4 in future.

Maintenance

- Drainage is now much improved around the Brae / School Brae - thank you to everyone who has volunteered time and energy working on this long-standing problem.
- Cattle grid fence painting started.
- Thank you Claire Munday for cleaning & painting the rear windows of the Hall.
- Work on the Canon on-going, thank you Alan.
- Refuse bin by the pier blew away in the last severe storm - Steph A to look into a replacement.
- Village Clean Up - set for Friday 1st May start 5.30pm, to finish with a Bar-B-Q from 7pm. This is a general clean up all round the village, using black bin bags that will be disposed of into the green bins by toilets. It is hoped by avoiding a Saturday more people can be involved and it is early enough to be family friendly.

Activities

Fete - the last working party clashed with the fete meeting, which consequently was poorly attended. No agreement on the best time for future meetings so fete planning will be combined with ordinary meetings of the SCA.

Unanimous vote to start the Fete at 1pm this year - the trials event will have already started at 10am & the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association event starts at 12 noon.

Kenny L, Brian A & Nommie C to pull out tents and see what can be repaired / spare parts obtained to give increase shelter. Another large tent to be priced up/sourced.

Lyndsay D offered to be responsible for the Friday raft race, putting up early posters to advertise, charge £5 per raft, children & adult prize. Head start for children. Nommie C to be in charge of the megaphone!

As the pet show was so successful last year - make approaches for this to happen again.

Fri eve planned again with same format - band booked.

New optics to be investigated/purchased, 35cl size.

Lyndsay D to approach a new sponsor for the Hill race.

A bicycling event discussed for children.

List to go in shop early to advertise where volunteers needed, combined with directly approaching individuals to help with specific jobs.

Booklet

Most of the complimentary copies now distributed - almost 100 complimentary copies given away to advertisers and contributors (1/4 of print run). There was a request to give copies to self-catering properties; the meeting felt that the accommodation owners already buy copies, which are tax deductible! 152 sold, raising £424 so far.

Kitchen

Hall kitchen work due to start 27th Apr and needs to be completed by 7th May (general election). The units & range etc. being stored in the Hall.

Projects

Project Consultation Results

55 forms were returned. The most popular first priority was the 2nd phase of the Hall refurbishment. The Toilets and Swimming Pool (with cover) came joint second. Adding the 1st & 2nd priorities of all the returned forms together put the Toilet project ahead of the Swimming Pool (with cover) by 3 votes. A list of suggestions for other projects and comments was presented. Results to be posted on noticeboards.

For any project to go ahead volunteers are needed to see the project from feasibility and fund raising through to project management.

Hall refurbishment - The ceiling will need a contractor to re-paint, the walls & floor could be done with a volunteer team using fire retardant varnish. Topping up the loft insulation will improve energy efficiency. 3 quotes were previously obtained for curtains (incl poles/rails, tiebacks & fitting), the cheapest of which is £4441.22. A lively discussion ensued about value for money. The existing curtains are around 30 years old, do not meet current Fire Regulation nor do they contribute much to energy efficiency. The project could be done in stages to spread cost. Kenny L to get a quote for wooden shutters over the smaller windows. A project group needs to be established.

As the pool is not the 1st priority project voted for it will need a new pump for this summer - talk to Rachel Sutherland. Possibly Scott could purchase at trade prices?

Correspondence

- Sport Scotland requires the SCA SCIO to agree to and adopt the Terms and Conditions of the sportscotland award 2007 relating to the All Weather Sports Court. Jennifer Anderson has requested documentation from Shieldaig Sports Association relating to decisions to become a SCIO along with a copy of the title Deeds for the court in the SCA SCIO's name. The duration of the funding award for the All Weather Sports Court is 10 years from completion during which time the T & C's apply. Failure to comply could result in sportscotland requiring the funding returned. The Trustees agreed to adopt the T & C's. Ann B to provide all info & letter stating the SCIO's adoption of 2007 award T & C's. Copy of Deeds provided by Macleod & McCullum.
- The solicitors acting for the Estate of Elizabeth Pritchard have sent a cheque for £600 - made out to the Shieldaig Sports Association, which the bank will not accept. Kenny L reports this is an interim payment.

AOCB

- Parent school group has been given £500, as no school playpark is possible. Lyndsay D requested permission for a low & high basketball hoop to be fitted for younger & older children. **All in agreement provided the position of the hoops do not present a health & safety risk to other users of the court.**

- Rachel S finding dogs are fouling the football pitch - this is impacting on using the area to teach. Look into a sign requesting no dogs onto the field. **Can dog owners please not allow dogs onto any of the sports courts.**
- Cloud document store / sharing system set up using Box.com. This will be a repository for important documents that the relevant Trustees can access remotely and will facilitate changes of Office Bearers. Trustees will be invited electronically to use this system
- Moorings - not all occupiers of moorings have returned the minute of agreement. The return needs to be sent to the Crown Estate by 1st May. Reminder to go to none respondents. All the documentation now complete - signed agreement from Crown Estate & Marine Scotland. The residual balance of £267 (ish) from the Moorings Association has been transferred to the SCIO. The Crown Estate is no longer funding new moorings. This doesn't prevent laying of new moorings, but it will be the SCIO's expense. Rob Adam given a few leads on potential funders.

Next Meeting combining Fete planning 18th June 7pm