

# Shieldaig Community Association SCIO Minutes

25th Nov 2014

Apologies: Jim A, Sarah W

Present: Pauline McN, Steph A, Ann B, Richard M, Nommie C, Brian A, Kenny L, Peter F and 1 member

Minutes of the 28th October approved.

## Treasurers Report

The budget heads for the current financial year have now been agreed and set, largely based on last years expenditure. The details are available on the website.

Highland Council have awarded £3000 from the Ward 6 Discretionary Fund - thanks to Audrey Sinclair for her help with the funding application.

£1100 has been donated from the Grazings Committee - a portion of the campsite donations. New tables for the hall have been ordered costing £820. Old tables to be stored at Shieldaig Export for use outdoors at events such as Fete - thanks to Kenny L.

Money given to Lyndsay D for Halloween & children's Christmas party. 19 children in Shieldaig Primary School.

There is around £27,000 in the bank account.

Internet banking is being set up so that signatories can access the account on-line. Very helpful in checking payments by BACS e.g Booklet advert payments.

Paypal account has been set up but not yet fully functional, a code is needed from bank statement.

## Maintenance

All the seats & tables that needed replacing are now in place.

The flooding on the Brae has been partially dealt with by cutting new drains and diverting water. In places on the brae the wavy coil has been exposed and back filled with larger stones creating a sump.

Future tasks - rush cutting up at the top junction with a heavy duty brush cutter. Brian A has the correct strimmer, which needs servicing and a strong chap to operate! Any volunteers?

Bracken needs killing where it overhangs the Brae - Kenny to source weed killer & provide sprayer.

Tubs outside hall & around village need attention.

## Activities

Lyndsay D & Lisa Fraser organising childrens Xmas party.

Booklet - Ann B organising adverts. Alice McLennan & Lucy Kerr co-ordinating editorial content. Over 60's lunch in Hall Pauline McN organising.

Tennis Court has been put to bed for the winter. Green spray ordered to touch up bare metal around court fencing.

## Projects

### Kitchen

Funding in the account for the kitchen and hall refurbishment is £10,342. £4720 funds raised, £3000 discretionary award, £1100 donated from crofters, SCA is contributing £1500. £820 spent on new tables. The new quote from Howdens now the kitchen has been chosen is £12 more than previous quote, however, the range cooker & extractor hood is an extra £800. £1500 budgeted for new crockery, cutlery & kitchen equipment. David Seal will be fitting the new kitchen the 1st week of Feb 15.

## Swimming Pool

Steph A contacted AquaLeisure, the company involved with the Ratagan swimming pool. It would appear they sub-contract & recommend a rectangular pool. Suggested go direct to cover specialists to reduce our costs.

A pool dug into ground 8x4m costs around £30,000

Above ground 8x4m costs around £10,000, which can be dismantled. Excludes heat pump.

Keder cover (they suggest 8m wide max for this area) quoted around £15,000

So we are looking at £30,000 upwards (with contingency). Funders may prefer that the project is all done in 1 phase.

For this project we need to:

Get the parent council /parents of the users of the pool seriously involved in the project, a lesson learned from the pontoon project.

Do an analysis of who will use/benefit.

Determine the need.

Establish ownership of the land.

Liaise with the school to show how the pool would fit with the 10 swimming lessons per year the children get at Kyle.

Provide 'seed' money from the SCA.

Do a survey of the whole village to establish what the broader view is.

Source potential funders.

## Moorings

Brian A & Richard M have looked over Crown Estate document - a few points need clarification. December meeting for members of the Moorings Association.

## Correspondance

Royal Mail (RM) have responded to the request to increase the hall rental, by offered £1000 p.a. Will send a new agreement as the one from the 80's cannot be found. The RM are paying the costs of drawing this document up. The Trustees present all agreed to accepting this offer.

## AOCB

### Engagement with the community

- We discussed the day & timing of meetings to allow as wide a range of attendees as possible. Next meeting in Jan will be at the earlier time of 6pm, as an experiment.
- Ahead of this meeting Pauline McN put notices all round the village to publicise this meeting - no change in the number of members attending!
- Peter F will door knock the newer residents of the village in Baile Shuas to engage them with what is happening.
- Ann B to put together an email list of members to engage with the members like the Torridon email does.
- Lyndsay D & Ann B are going to set up a Facebook group for the SCA.

### Bequest

Liz Pritchard bequeathed money to both the Village Association & the Sports Association. Steph A will provide Kenny L (an executor of her will) with the documentation to prove the merger of the organisations.

### Hall Bookings

To check if Jim A has handed over the hall booking system to Lucy Kerr.

Next meeting **Tues 20th Jan Shildaig Hall 6pm**

*This SCIO is a member lead organisation.  
Members are very welcome at all meetings. Your contribution is valued.*