

## **Sheildaig Village Association Final AGM Minutes**

24<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

Sheildaig Village Hall

Present: Pauline Stevenson, Sarah Wedgwood, Jim Alexander, Gary Matheson, 8 others.

### **Report on Annual Events**

Over 60's Lunch: Pauline reported the new style event held in the hall last December was a success and that many had commented we should do something similar this year.

Village Fete: Pauline reported last years' fete was not a great success due to the poor weather on the day. Pauline, Jim and Gary will not be able to help organise the event this year so there is an urgent need for new organisers with fresh ideas to come forward. Encourage parents of younger children to get involved, perhaps make the event more child-friendly? Gary stated he'd be happy to advise anyone taking over his role as overall co-ordinator – the job is not too hard if you have plenty of helpers and get started early enough. The first thing that needs to be done is to apply for the necessary licences in May. At the first meeting of the new Sheildaig Community Association(SCA) we need to get a sub-group going on organising the fete – urge anyone interested to attend that meeting.

### **Accounts**

Sarah presented the accounts up to year end 31 January 2014. We are in a transitional period in preparation for merging with the Sports Association to form SCA and are currently holding funds for the kitchen upgrade project and the information booklet project – the meeting formally approved this. The meeting formally approved the allocation of £2500 of VA funds to the kitchen project. The meeting formally approved the transfer of our balance to SCA once banking arrangements are in place. The running costs of the swimming pool are significant (£1888.89 last year) and Robert asked if the meeting felt this cost was justified. There is a need to get a sub-group working on the question of the future of the pool and this would be a matter for the initial SCA meeting. Stephanie reported that the budget for the new organisation is in progress. Our total balance (sum of SA and VA funds) will be around £20 000. The budget will be finalised once likely annual expenditures for various activities have been calculated.

### **Update on conversion**

Sarah reported that the application to OSCR for conversion to a SCIO had been successful. The 4 existing directors of the SA signed up to become trustees of the new organisation (SCA) as part of the application process. TRUSTEES have responsibility for budgets and other paperwork, MEMBERS vote on what the SCA does. The more MEMBERS the better! Members only need to attend one meeting a year and everything else can be done via email or voting forms for those who don't wish to attend meetings. Ideally everyone in the village should join in – forms available from Sarah or download from [www.shieldaig.info](http://www.shieldaig.info). Initial meeting of SCA should be attended by all – the election of office bearers will take place then and anyone interested in taking on an office bearer role is very welcome to contact Sarah prior to this meeting. The roles and responsibilities of office bearers are mapped out in the constitution of SCA but the meeting agreed it might be useful to post 'job descriptions' on [www.shieldaig.info](http://www.shieldaig.info) – these will be available on the

website soon for anyone interested.

Nommie asked how funds would be passed to the various sub-groups. Stephanie answered that each sub-group will have a trustee on board who has responsibility for an allocated budget; the treasurer keeps an eye on the overall budget of the organisation.

Robert asked how the responsibility for upkeep of the village hall is divided between the Church of Scotland and the community. Pauline explained that the terms of the VA lease are that the VA is responsible for internal work while the C of S is responsible for external work. Eunice stated that in the past the church and the community joint-funded many hall improvements but at present the church has no money. Nommie reported that the church have agreed to pay part of the cost of replacing the fire door and Sandtexing the exterior.

### **Kitchen project progress report**

The sub-group reported that quotes for materials, installation and curtains are all in now; awaiting a quote for electrical work but this is not expected to be considerable. The total cost is likely to be around £12 000. The next stage of the project is to go to potential funders. Since the community has already raised nearly £4 000 we should be in a good position to secure funding from elsewhere.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW SHIELDAIG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2014**

**SHIELDAIG VILLAGE HALL**

**TIME TO BE ARRANGED**