**ACHMORE COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes for Meeting Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7.30pm**

The Agenda was carried forwards from the cancelled meeting of February 7th 2024.

1.Present; Jackie Parsons, Ellanne Fraser, Sue Waddell, Renee Gibson, Marion Howat, Kate Bulloch.

2.Apologies; Mhairi MacRae

3.Approval of January Minutes; The minutes were approved by Ellanne and seconded by Kate.

4. Treasurer’s Report; as of today the Hall Bank Account balance is £14,081.64. Jackie distributed a copy of the summary sheet of the accounts for 2023. If approved by the auditor, these will be uploaded to 0SCR. More detailed accounts can be made available to the committee at a future meeting.

5.Booking Secretary’s Report ; Science Skills will again be booking the Hall for 2 weeks from 15th until 29th March 2024. The Kyle of Lochalsh Trust is running a Mini Climate Event. As part of this event, a Repair Café will be held at the Hall on Friday 24th May (date changed after the meeting to Sunday 26th May). The Kyle of Lochalsh Trust will pay for the booking. Proceeds from the provision of soup and sandwiches at the event will also go to Hall Funds.

6.100 Club; February winners - 1st Prize Grace Gray £25

2nd Prize Elizabeth Morris £15

3rd Prize Chris Mortimer £10

March winners- 1st Prize John Caithness £25

2nd Prize Iris Stuart £15

3rd Prize Bobby Gray £10

7. Task List; Short Term list – Completed-4,6,9,10,12,13 . Ongoing-5,8. Moved to long term list-1,2,3,7.Removed-11.

Long Term List-Ongoing-1,3,5,6,7,8,9. Removed- 2,4,10.

Matters Arising-CMNet Minutes still record that the Hall Committee has not signed the Contract for Hall Internet Provision. Ellanne will chase this up as Jackie signed and Renee witnessed the contract at the Hall Meeting in November 2023 and passed it to one of the CMNet Directors shortly after.

It was agreed to start work on the fundraising calendar now. A message will be put on the Community Whatsapp Group asking people to submit rough prints of any photographs that might be suitable. These can be put either in the Hall Post Box or handed directly to a Committee Member.

8.CMNet Software for Changing Password; This is on hold and has been removed from the Task List with no further action to be taken unless CMNet get back in touch.

9. Hall Maintenance; the outside external light has been fitted and everyone agreed this has made a huge difference to accessing the Hall when it is dark. Thank you to Jim Coomber for carrying out the work. The plug has not been moved yet for the freezer. Jackie has received one quote to replace the two exterior doors. She will obtain further information and has a meeting with the joiner next week. Ellanne and Kate will also try to obtain quotes for the work.

10. Hall Equipment; The Hall has received a grant of £ 4000 from Awards For All. So far a lockable cabinet has been purchased. A new commercial cooker would require 3 phase wiring. It was agreed to keep the existing cooker and purchase smaller trays to be used at catered Hall Events.

11.Hall Legal/Admin.; Jackie indicated that the £200 received from Chubb is not a credit note. It has been issued to clear the balance the Hall owed for the cancellation of the Contract with Chubb.

12. Repair Café; the application to Celtman for funding for equipment for future Repair Cafes was unsuccessful. Event 24th (now 26th May ) see matters arising.

13. Fundraising for new rear doors; it was agreed to remove this heading from future Agendas.

14. Lets Do Net Zero Community Building Fund; The Cares Application is still in progress. Jackie confirmed that the application for the Grant is based on assessments at this stage to see whether the Hall Building is likely to become more Energy Efficient with the installation of energy saving equipment such as a Heat Pump and LED lighting. The application, if unsuccessful, would therefore fail before rather than after any equipment was installed.

15. A.O.B.; It was agreed that the AGM should be moved to March so that audited accounts are available at the AGM.

It was agreed to continue with the existing situation re Trustees rather than transferring the role to Hall Office Bearers.

It was agreed to reinstate the pool table in the gallery with a plywood covering to protect it.

The coat stand in the accessible toilet should be moved into the gallery during functions to allow for storage of coats and jackets.

The Hall has received a very generous donation of £200 from a member of the Community.

Correspondence; Chubb re credit note ( see above )

Jim Coomber messaged to advise re LED lighting which would be 80% funded. Jim thinks he may just be able to change the light bulbs.

An email has been received requesting addition to the circulation list for the Hall Minutes. At present the minutes are only circulated to the Committee. It was agreed that a better course of action would be to ensure that Committee Meeting Minutes are regularly uploaded to the Stromeferry and Achmore Community Website. Kate has agreed to do this.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

**The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm.**