**ACHMORE COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION**

 **Minutes of meeting Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 7.30pm**

1.Present ;Ruth Mockett, Sue Waddell, Jackie Parsons, Mel Prytz, Ellanne Fraser, Anne Coomber, Patti Heavyside.

2. Apologies; Marion Howat, Mhairi MacRae.

3. Approval of October Minutes; Mhairi suggested an amendment to the October minutes under section 4 -Treasurer’s Report. This will be included in the minutes in brackets to indicate the improved wording occurred post meeting. Jackie approved the October minutes and Ellanne seconded the minutes.

4.Treasurer’s Report; a figure for the Bank Balance was not available this month.

5.Booking Report; There was one booking for the 14th December. A member of the community would like to run a snooker club at the Hall. Everyone was agreeable to this idea, but the snooker table will first need to be repaired. It was suggested that we should investigate fitting casters at the same time so that the table could be moved into the main Hall when being used.

6.100 Club; 1st Prize Josie and Robert Meyer £ 25

 2nd Prize John Stuart £15

 3rd Prize Neil Yates £10

7. Hall Governance/Legal; For the benefit of the new members of the committee, Jackie explained the reasons behind the proposal for the Hall to become a SCIO versus its present status as an Unincorporated Charity . An open meeting will be held on 20th November at 7pm. This will give members of the Community the opportunity to ask questions . Maggie Byrne from Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust will attend and the meeting could also be made open to members of other Hall Committees .Jackie has composed an email detailing the date and reason for the open meeting which she will ask the Community Council to distribute via their mailing list. Everyone was happy with the text of the email. One part of the conversion to a SCIO is to transfer the Hall’s assets to the SCIO. The conveyancing fees for Brodie’s Law Firm to do this will be £2000. An application to Awards for All to cover this cost could be made as it is part of modernising the Hall’s set up.

8. Hall Maintenance; Firthview Windows are now going to replace the fire escape doors. This work should be carried out in December. A local electrician will update the consumer unit as recommended for the fitting of the new heating system. He can also cost the price for new LED lighting. A member of the Community has compiled a list for what lighting will be required. It has been agreed that the Hall Cleaner will carry out two hours of cleaning at the Hall per week. They will also be responsible for ordering supplies . Jackie will supply the cleaner with the email address for this.

9. Hall Equipment; Jackie will contact a joiner re the fitting of shelving in the crockery cupboard for the new kitchen equipment.

10.Fundraising; The calendars have all sold. A figure with the total profit will be available next meeting. Donations from the Apple Day were £158. Marion has agreed to do questions for a forthcoming quiz night. This can be discussed properly at the next meeting.

11.Let’s Do Net Zero; Work to install the PV panels and battery will commence on 14th November. The advert for planning for the air sourced heat pump is now in the WHFP. The cost for this advert was £158. The amount of funding being requested by the Hall for the work has decreased so a Deed of Variation was signed by Jackie and Mhairi.

12.New Business; The 23rd December at 7pm was provisionally agreed as the date and time for the Village Christmas Party. Ruth will arrange Santa for the party and will also organise games. Jackie and Colin will provide music. The situation with the reduced numbers on the Hall Committee has been resolved at present.

13.Correspondence; Email from HC Ward 6 confirming a grant of £ 750 towards the back doors.

A quote for the rear doors was received from Firthview Windows.

Email confirmation that the Cairngorm contract has been cancelled and the deposit returned.

One of the trustees emailed with thoughts on the SCIO template.

Planning sent a request for a further £158 to advertise the application for the ASHP.

A member of the community sent a report detailing the LED lighting changes.

Marion emailed suggesting a Quiz Night in the New Year.

McGregor’s have serviced the fire extinguishers and need to be paid £104.40

14.Task List Update; Task 2 to be removed, tasks 3,8,9,11 completed. Tasks 2, 3,4 and 5 on the long term list were either completed or removed.

15.AOCB; there was no other business.

 The meeting finished at 8.30 pm.

 **Date of nest meeting Wednesday 4th December at 7 pm.**