

Aultbea Hall Management Committee

Tuesday 11 July 2023

19.00 hrs.

- I. Andy welcomed all to the meeting. (It later transpired that the Zoom access wasn't working for those trying to attend remotely.)
- II. Attendees: Andy (Chair); Colin; Joyce; Pauline; Bruce; Fee; Jean.
Apologies: Kerry Ann; Jen; Heather.
- III. **Existing Business**
 - a) Financial Position - Bruce had circulated the up-to-date accounts and his report prior to the meeting. As well as ongoing T-shirt sales income, we have received the Gift Aid claim from HMRC (very promptly) and also the £500 grant from the Tesco Community Fund. The Hall insurance has been paid. We have confirmation that the Hall is exempt from paying rates but have still not heard about the water charges.
 - b) OSCR - Having been dissolved, all reference to the Aultbea Hall and Football Field Trust has now been removed from the OSCR website; Pauline will ensure that the Annual Report for the SCIO charity is posted soon with OSCR.
 - c) Funding Applications - The first project reports are now due for the Community Regeneration Fund and the Hugh Fraser Foundation even though we have yet to be able to draw down any of the funding offered - we have all the required monies in place but are unable to progress until we have building control consent. Jean will purchase kitchen equipment as intended using the Tesco funding.
 - d) Ongoing Works - Although Joyce continues to enquire weekly, we still have not yet had notice of a contract from EDF for our electricity supply. The old fuses have been replaced.
Following feedback from us, Highland Council have revised their plans for the drainage work they wish to carry out. There will be a tarmac path with kerb.
 - d) IT and Media - Facebook remains active with T-shirt travels. We need to advertise the 5 August Flotilla event in the next GDT so Fee will contact Jen for a suitable poster.
 - e) Fundraising - The 'thank you' event for our Phase I volunteers was very successful. Fee's catering was greatly appreciated.
We discussed arrangements for the Flotilla afternoon. Teas will be available at the pier before the 3pm launch of rafts and the music, BBQ and children's tent will be at the Hotel, where the bar will be open. An early decision will be needed should the weather look problematic.
 - f) Hall use - Jean has templates for various booking forms and instructions and will work on these, in liaison with Kerry Ann, ready for when we can take bookings for the two-storey block.

V. **Phase II**

Jon has circulated feedback from the consultant's site visit. in line with the guidance given, he is working on revising the stress calculations and consequently adjusting the steelwork construction required. Once this is completed, we very much hope that the consultant will be quick to recommend to Highland Council that all building control conditions have been fully complied with and permission will be received speedily thereafter.

VI. **Any Other Business**

Following Andy's discussion with Tony Panciroli about what IT installation would be most suitable and cost-effective, various options are being explored.

VII. **The next Committee meeting** will be on Tuesday, 1 August in the Hall.

The meeting ended at 20.10 hrs.