

Aultbea Hall Management Committee

Tuesday 3 September 2024

19.00 hrs.

- I. Andy welcomed all to the meeting.
- II. Attendees: Andy (Chair); Colin B; Joyce; Pauline; Kerry Ann; Bruce; Jon; Fee; Jean; Jen (Zoom).
Apologies: Colin I; Heather.
- III. **Existing Business**
 - a) Financial Position - Bruce had circulated the income and expenditure figures for 2024 to end August. Significant donations have been received in August, from one individual and from more than 40 supporters of our Kiltwalk participants. It is hoped Gift Aid can be claimed to supplement these donations.
 - b) Funding Applications - There have been no further claims to funders for reimbursement in the past month.
Pauline will check the Public Liability documents we have on file from our various contractors to ensure that they are still current.
Fee is hoping soon to receive a response from GAMS as to the potential for funding support for the proposed improvements to disabled access.
Nothing further has been heard from the local residents who hoped to be able to source a grant towards paint costs from an MOD fund.
 - c) Ongoing Works - The cabling has been put under the floor and our volunteers are planning to undertake the flooring repair work week of 9 September now that the wood and screws have been purchased. Colin will strip out the remaining electrical wiring meantime.
 - d) IT and media - Jen has ensured that our Facebook pages continue to be active. We hope to be able to post reports on the next stage of building repairs soon.
 - e) Fundraising - T-shirts: we have about 40 still available for sale, mainly the larger sizes - an ideal Christmas present!
Photographs have been collected for a calendar. Fee is investigating prices.
It took 6 weeks and many email exchanges before the donations for the Kiltwalk fundraising started to come into our bank account from Justgiving.com, with no explanation offered.
Planning for our intended opening event and end-of-year activities is on hold until we know the likely completion dates for the essential work.
 - f) Community engagement/use of Hall - All invoices issued to date have been paid. Both Yoga and *Sing Loch Ewe* will return to more frequent Hall use in October. It is hoped that there will be some Active Schools sessions also.
 - g) Risk assessments/volunteer coordination - Jean continues to prepare the application for a Public Entertainment Licence, ready for submission by the end of September. Various

queries were answered. Jon offered to help in drawing up a plan to show the external details required. It needs sign off by an electrician and a Fire Safety Officer also.

- h) Procurement - There is still no update from EDF as to smart meter checking nor have any bills been received this year, despite notification of a further refund. The Fire Alarms service is scheduled for Thursday 5 September.

IV. **Phase II**

Our contractors have been asked to confirm when they can undertake the outstanding work on the main Hall. The electrical installation is scheduled for October; the joinery is dependent on the manufacture of fire doors. One supplier is quoting a 12 week delivery so both Colin & Jon will explore alternative sources which are able to deliver more quickly.

V. **Any Other Business**

- i) The flushing of the gents' urinals is still excessive. Various suggestions and efforts as to how to regulate the flow have yet to work.
- ii) Information as to the current circumstances of ARC is in the most recent minutes of Aultbea Community Council.

- VI. The **next Committee meeting** will be on Tuesday 8 October, 7pm.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 19.50 hrs.