***Aultbea Hall Management Committee***

Tuesday 9 June 2026

19.00 hrs.

I. Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Attendees: Andy (chair); Colin; Pauline; Kerry Ann; Bruce; Fee; Amelia; Mel; Rebecca; Jean; Heather.

III. **Existing Business**

a) Financial Position - Bruce had circulated the financial figures updated to end May 2026. Income and expenditure were both of routine items only. No queries were raised. June expenditure will include the new SIM card for Hall wifi services and payment of our insurance.
Pauline then outlined the considerable and ongoing activity following our review of insurance requirements at a meeting on 26 May and consequent email correspondence. Five companies have been asked to give us quotations and we are in active negotiation with three of these. To date, only Alliance Westminster has provided a quote (with 1, 3, and 5-year options). All three companies regard the request for a quotation to underwrite the Flotilla event as outside the usual 'Village Hall' remit, so needing a separate assessment. None has been received as yet.

b) Minor works - Colin has worked on the long-standing flow problem in the gents' urinal, which has made some improvement.

c) Ongoing Works - Between them, Jean and Colin are trying to make contact with someone they know who may be able to advise on the installation of stage lighting. Failing that, Pauline will seek advice from the Nairn Little Theatre volunteers. Once the stage is no longer needed for events (end June), we hope that Chris will be able to assess the repairs needed to the wooden wall at the back.
Colin has begun the painting of the roof of the two-storey block.
Andy will arrange for ERG to provide a quotation for the kitchen window replacement when they go to Laide PO in the near future.

d) Licenses - Highland Council have issued the Occasional Licence for the Talent Show. The conditions are different from those for our ceilidhs as there will be children present.

e) IT and media - Rebecca now has photographs to promote the use of the Hall on Facebook for family occasions. She has been working on ensuring that the website licences are renewed, cookie policy is in place and that we are fully compliant for charity purposes. The PayPal button has been replaced with contact information for donations.

f) Fundraising - Nothing to report.

g) Hall events / bookings
West Coast Arts, 30 May: The Sorries concert had been well attended with Hall volunteers helping the organisers as they were short-staffed. In appreciation, we were given the refreshment donations. Pauline has written to WCA, hoping that, in future, Aultbea Hall can be included in their regular programming schedule.
Aultbea Market, 6 June: Chris Cooper is hoping for more market goers over the summer. He requested the Committee consider whether a car boot / table-top sale might be run alongside. The Committee has no objection to this being organised, but thought that market stall holders might not appreciate competition.

Talent Show, 20 June: Heather explained some of the arrangements and indicated where offers of help were needed. 12 acts and a piper are expected. Jean will write the Risk

Assessment, we need to advertise a request for raffle prizes and extra round tables will be borrowed from the Community Church Hall.
Aultbea Flotilla, 1 August: we accept that the event cannot be held if we do not secure related insurance. From the information so far, any quote that comes from our 'Village Hall' insurer is likely to cost more than that secured by Aultbea Community Council last year under their insurance policy. We will request that, at their 15 June meeting, they agree to undertake the same provision as last year if we are unable to do this ourselves at reasonable cost, and we will reimburse the additional fee.
West Fest: The date has been set for Friday 23 October. Fee still awaits a response from *Recovery* as to whether or not they can offer a dance for that evening.

h) Community engagement / use of Hall -
As part of the insurance review, we recognise that we should amend our Conditions of Let to make it explicit that neither the use of inflatables nor contact sports is covered by our Hall insurance.
Kerry Ann isn't always available to open the Hall for one-off bookings; other committee members offered to help when they could.
One group has had to be reminded about ensuring heating and lights are turned off when they leave.
The current lack of lighting in the corridor behind the stage makes it difficult to bring out additional chairs when they are needed, and storage generally is a challenge.

i) Risk Assessments & PVG - No recent activity to report. Our suite of Risk Assessments is now comprehensive, usually requiring updating rather than writing of new procedures.

**IV. Any Other Business**

i) Rebecca will pass on to Pauline some information that has come to the Community Council about possible funding opportunities. Some are specifically for sport/games activities and equipment. Mel proposed that we consider offering Boccia to attract multi-generational, all-ability participation. We will explore this further once we see what resources are available.
ii) Jean has received two letters of thanks, congratulations and appreciation for our achievements following the visit by HRH The Princess Royal to open *Aultbea Hall Revival!* One came from Princess Anne's Lady-in-Waiting, the other from the Lord Lieutenant, Joanie Whiteford. Rebecca will use these to inform a Facebook post before they are filed. Andy reported that HRH had referenced her visit to the West Coast in a speech to The Highland Society of London.
We agreed to ask Chris to mount our HRH Plaque in the entrance hall.

The **next Committee meeting** will be on Tuesday, 14 July 2026.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 20.10 hrs.