

FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION Ltd.

AGM

Wednesday, 11th January, 2017, 7.30pm, 29, High Street.

PRESENT: Gordon Christie, Iain Rennie, Sheila Gray, Alan Brown, Liz Rennie, Donald Cameron, John Wiles, Helen Morrison, Mark Macrae, George McIntyre, Angus Gordon Lennox, Una Hamilton

APOLOGIES: Stewart Harris, George Turnbull, Roddy Munro, Jeremy Evans, Sybil Stuart, Pat Jenkins, Emma Jenkins, Frances Duncan, Margo Howe

1. WELCOME, MINUTE OF PREVIOUS AGM

Gordon welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The minute of the previous meeting was discussed and approved.

2. INSTITUTE COMMITTEE REPORT

Gordon thanked members for their efforts throughout, what had been, a busy year.

The original estimate for the work involved was £440,000 + VAT. However, on inspection, more work was required on the roof than was first thought, including the replacement of lead and a complete refurbishment of the box gutter. The cost for this was an extra £30,000, including the cost of scaffolding. Other unexpected costs brought the final estimate to £490,000. The work has been completed to a high standard.

Initially, it was hoped that all necessary work would be carried out prior to the reopening of the hall. However, the unexpected added costs have meant that this will not be possible but will be completed as and when funds are available.

The new windows have been installed and heating and electrical work have been completed as has the fibre glass work on the kitchen extension roof. A slight amendment to the kitchen extension was necessary to avoid a major underground electrical cable.

Photographs of the work in progress were on display.

The contractors are confident of being clear of the site by the end of March, allowing time for the finishing touches to be carried out for the opening on 14/15 April.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME- £286,023.18

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| Abbeyfield | £200,000 |
| Awards for All | £10,000 |
| Baxter's | £60,000 |
| Events Committee | £2,142 |
| Money for Moray | £5,000 |
| Private Gifts | £3289 |
| Red Lion Charity Golf | £500 |
| RHI Payment | £5092.18 |

EXPENDITURE- £60,172

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| Legal Expenses | £142 |
| Building works | £60,000 |
| DTAS membership | £30 |

BALANCE - £275,287.66

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| Other funds available | £154,840 |
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4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Gordon began by thanking all members and volunteers for their efforts throughout the year in fund raising for the community. He went on to thank the directors and volunteers for their efforts to progress the refurbishment of the hall.

G and A Construction were appointed main contractors and work began in September when sufficient funding had been secured. The project is on course for completion in March with the official opening in April.

Gordon thanked Stewart Harris for his considerable efforts in preparing and submitting applications to the various sources of funding. Unfortunately, applications to The Lottery Fund, Postcode Lottery and The Climate Change Fund, among others, were unsuccessful however we are very grateful to Abbeyfield Fochabers Society Ltd for donating £200,000, The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation £60,000, The Robertson Trust £30,000, EB Scotland £30,000 and Awards for All £10,000. In addition, donations, in excess of £3000 were received from private donors.

Gordon ended by extending his thanks to all for their support during the year.

5. GALA AND EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Liz announce another very successful year for the Events Committee, with a mixture of tried and tested as well as new events including Gala Weekend which raised £6536, Race Night which raised £1369 and the Tombola which raised £632 and proved so successful it is hoped it will become a monthly event. In total, £9198 was raised from events, collection boxes and the Christmas Open Night. Of this total, £4980 was granted to various local groups and the balance of £2142 was donated to the refurbishment of the hall. Money raised from events such as the Macmillan Lights was donated to the charity.

Liz thanked everyone involved for their support and took the opportunity to thank various businesses such as Brown's of Dipple, Christie's of Fochabers and Duncan's of Fochabers for their support.

She expressed condolences to the family of Les Tombe who had been a stalwart of the committee for many years and a tireless worker for the good of the village. Condolences also went to Bill Royan, another stalwart of the committee, whose wife died this year.

Liz expressed her gratitude to the office bearers, Alison Clavey, Vice Chair, Sybil Stuart, Secretary and Iain Rennie, Treasurer for their support.

Future events are in the planning, such as a Strictly Come Dancing evening organised by Lorna Wheelan.

Liz asked that members think of ways to improve the events and gave as an example 2017 will see a change from the Gala Queen. Primary children were consulted and voted in favour of giving boys the opportunity to take a leading role in gala weekend.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The term of office had ended for Sheila Gray, Iain Rennie and Roddy Munro who were due to resign as directors but all had intimated a willingness to be re-elected.

PROPOSED – Una Hamilton

SECONDED- John Wiles

Sheila, Iain and Roddy were duly reappointed.

7. DATE FOR NEXT AGM

The next AGM will be held on Wednesday, 17th January, 2018, 7.30pm, Fochabers Public Institute.

8. AOCB

None

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm