

FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Department Heads

Minute of Meeting held on 8th June, 2016, 7.30pm in The Public Institute

PRESENT: Gordon Christie, Iain Rennie, Alan Brown, Liz Rennie, Una Hamilton

APOLOGIES: Stewart Harris, George Turnbull

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

The Minute of the previous meeting was approved.

ARISING:

- The solar panels have not yet been registered.
- The biomass boiler is working but requires a new control panel.
- The kitchen boiler has been repaired.

2. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

FUND RAISING: Liz Rennie

- Arrangements for The Gala are ongoing. There is a meeting next week.
- A programme of events will be available for Alan.
- Posters will be supplied for advertising.
- The results of voting for the Gala Queen will be announced next week.
- The next draw for the 200 Club will be held at the crowning of the Gala Queen.
- Liz will speak to Jonathan Farley about crowd funding.

HALL MANAGEMENT: Alan Brown

- The balance at the end of April was £11,682.
- The VAT rebate was £1878.93.
- The current balance is £14520.
- The Men's Shed has finished work on the Hall store and has almost completed work on the store for the Toddlers' Group. New electrics have been installed.
It was suggested that an appropriate donation for their work would be a new lathe.
- Currently, the 200 Club has 90 members so it was suggested that it should be advertised on Facebook, Northern Scot etc.

PROJECT: Gordon Christie

- Meetings were held in May to update the designs to include possible exclusions which were:
the opening between the main hall and the Christie Room be reduced to 5m.,
Reduced opening to the Gents' toilet
No lift installed
No work to be done on the attic
No work to be done backstage on the toilet or prop store

- Tenders went out last week, to be submitted by 10th June.
- It is hoped that work will begin in August.

3. UPDATE ON FUNDING

- A grant of £20,000 was received from **The Robertson Trust**.
- A Lottery Community Fund is to be launched soon.
- A decision by the **Baxters Foundation** on funding for the kitchen should be made by the end of the month.
- A meeting with the **Abbeyfield Fochabers Society Committee** will be arranged for later in the month.

4. AOCB

- Part of the front wall was demolished by a car. It is proposed that the wall should not be wholly replaced but should end in line with the end of the building and be finished off with a stone pillar. This would enlarge the entrance to the car park.
- The Speyfest caravan will be in place from 4th July.
- The relief on water rates has been altered to 50%.
- Since Peter Hunter is now living in Aberdeen Minutes will no longer be sent to him.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 29th June, 7.30pm**.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.