

FOCHABERS PUBLIC INSTITUTE COMMITTEE (FPIC)

Department Heads

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday, 29th November, 2016, 7.30pm, at 29 High Street.

PRESENT: Gordon Christie, Alan Brown, Liz Rennie, Stewart Harris, Una Hamilton

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute was adopted.

1. REPORT ON HALL CHARGES (Stewart took the Chair)

- Stewart noted that there was nothing wrong with the current charging structure.
- There was discussion as to whether charges should be linked to local users/others or members/non- members of the VA.
- Alan believed that a link to membership would lead to a lot of organisation.
- There is a pro-active membership data base which is updated annually.
- Possibilities discussed included issuing membership at £1 per annum and user groups composed of a majority of members would be eligible for reduced rates: businesses and the Moray Council would pay full rate.
- It was agreed that the basic charge would be frozen for one year to encourage user groups to come back to the Hall and stay.
- There was discussion on charges for other facilities eg kitchen and cleaner's time.
- **Proposed charges:** Full day use - £300, including the use of all facilities and hall keeper's fee. Set up time would be charged at the hourly rate. There would be a charge of £50 for use of the bar and the licence would be the responsibility of the user.
- Weddings: Full day use - £300.
 - _____ Preparation and tidy up time – hourly rate
 - Full use of all facilities, including the bar.
 - Licence
 - Set up/tidy up fees, if required.
 - Not allowed to bring their own alcohol or food.

2. AOCB

- It was suggested that High School pupils could be invited to enter a competition to design a corporate design.
- Stewart will design a basic website but High School pupils could be involved in developing graphic ideas. Web address will be www.fochabersinstitute.org.
- £2102 has been earned from the solar panels.
- GA Construction has reported that more work than anticipated was needed on the roof. Slight savings have been made in other areas of the work but the final cost will be greater than expected.
- As yet there has been no communication from Awards for All regarding the request for £10,000.
- Further funds may be available from Fochabers Abbeyfield Society.

- Gordon will investigate the SSE funds, from the building of the Portgordon to Keith pipeline. There will be 2 million pounds to be used in 4 Community Council areas.
- Gordon proposed banners to advertise the Hall and the 300 Club to be displayed on the fence.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be the AGM, to be held on 11th January, 2017.