

FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Department Heads

Minute of Meeting held 24th January, 2017, 7.30pm, at 29 High Street

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

APOLOGIES: Stewart Harris, George Turnbull

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute was approved.

2. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

FUND RAISING: LIZ

- An application for funding from SSE, pipe-line, will be submitted by 15th February
- Plans are underway for the Events Committee fundraiser, Strictly Come Dancing evening. A short-life sub- committee will be convened to organise this event.
- The 300 Club is ongoing.
- Contact was made with the PT Art at Milne's High regarding a joint venture and this received a very positive response.
The venture will include the design of a corporate logo to be used on stationery, posters etc.
- A strong application has enabled the application to Tsi Moray to progress to the next round. If successful, the money will be used to provide a stair lift.

HALL MANAGEMENT: ALAN

- The current balance is £17,861.63.
- The new bank account is operational.
- Enquiries have been made regarding two potential bookings, however, both parties would wish participants to bring their own bottles. This created a great deal of discussion but, ultimately, the decision was that, for reasons of insurance and risk assessment, no BYOB would be permitted.
- Mhairi Marwick has booked 4/5 sessions.
- An Ali Bain concert is booked for 7th September.
- Hall charges were confirmed as being the same as for the previous minute.
- There is a suggested application for bookings' form in the Moray Hall Federation Handbook. The current form will be compared with this and any necessary changes made.

PR: STEWART

- Two proposed structures for the Hall website were discussed.
- The corporate logo will be used on the site.

FUNDING: GORDON

- There has been a donation of £5000 from the Forsyth Foundation, Rothes.
- Gordon has spoken to John McKay, Miramichi, New Brunswick, Canada and is hopeful of funding from the group as musical events and the heritage work are within their criteria.
- For concerts etc. the Hall will be set up in a 4-8-4 arrangement allowing the use of two aisles. The balcony will hold 60, giving a total capacity of 350.

- OPENING WEEKEND

THURSDAY: A preview event for sponsors and 300 Club members at which drinks and nibbles will be served, will take place between 7.00 and 8.30pm. Brodie's film will be shown.

FRIDAY: A musical evening organised by Mhairi, for which tickets will be sold.

SATURDAY: There will be a concert and ceilidh evening for which tickets will be sold. Numbers are limited as priority goes to family members of the children taking part in fiddle week.

SUNDAY: The Hall will be open to the public between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

- The official opening will be in September. It is hoped this will be performed by a dignitary.
- New accounts, with Gordon McPhail and Booker, will be required for drinks.
- Two tills will be required for the bar.
- Iain has ordered the banner for the front of the Hall.
- Margaret will look at curtain material when she is in Glasgow.
- Liz will ask Lindsey Hook about the possibility of help with curtains from Johnstone's.
- Work is progressing well. The scaffolding is coming down, painters are working and new doors have been chosen.

3. A.O.C.B.

None

The next meeting will be Tuesday, 21st February, 7.30, 29 High Street.