

KDCC Committee Meeting 23/5/22

Present: Alan Young, Ali Heaton, Audrey Godfrey, Sandra Jamieson, Brian Morton, Deborah McCartney, Andrea McNicoll and Janice Murray (guest).

1. Apologies: Clare Harley
2. Minutes from previous meeting: Approved by Deborah, seconded by Audrey
3. Treasurer's report: Ali reported that the bank balance at the end of April stood at £26,343.42. The balance on the day of the meeting stands at £19,853. Ali provided a full breakdown of income and expenditure, which will accompany these minutes in the minutes folder. Members briefly discussed the rate charged to the council for election hire. Alan congratulated everyone on the success of the Six Days Trial and the amount of money raised.
4. Booking secretary's report: Brian outlined this month's various bookings, including a 3 hour booking in July from Discover Adventures.
5. Hall matters:
 - a) Boiler service - Alan reported that the service has been carried out successfully. The engineer recommended extra repairs but as the system now seems to be working well, this has been put on hold for now.
 - b) Burst pipe - Alan reported that Gavin Whyte has repaired the leak in the pipe joints in front of the hall, at a cost of £577.
 - c) External maintenance/work parties - Alan reported that he will get a quote for the small hall dormer cladding, with a view to repair, paint and re clad with pvc. Members discussed various options on who to approach to carry out the work. They also discussed plans to repaint the black panel on the hall exterior, to varnish the picnic tables at some point during the summer months, and the various candidates, both paid and voluntary, to carry out the strimming.
 - d) Hall hire rates - Members discussed the rising cost of fuel and agreed that it would be necessary to introduce a surcharge over the winter months. They agreed to vote on these increases at the next meeting, and discussed prices for special events, weddings, children's parties, etc. A charge of £750 was agreed by vote for 3 days wedding hire.
6. Nature Restoration Fund: Alan gave a full report on the progress of work carried out as part of the project. Rob Coope has erected the deer fence. The recently planted trees are all flourishing. Wildflower plugs have been planted in the wetland area, and the pond is now established. The work will hopefully be finished by mid June.
7. Concerts: David Cooper has visited the hall and is keen to use it as a venue for various performances once he has sold Crafts and Things. Members discussed the pros and cons of getting an alcohol licence. The hall can expect to fundraise through ticket sales (approximately £1 for each ticket sold) and the sale of hot and cold drinks. Alan pointed out

that it would be a way of increasing the hall's visibility, and could lead to more bookings. These events could start in September.

8. Coop application: The new round of funding application deadline is 29/5/22. Members discussed the various projects outlined in the guidelines. Alan and Andrea will complete this application before the deadline.

9. Events programme: Members decided to postpone the proposed Midsummer Fun event, scheduled for 18th June, as it is too close to the Jubilee celebrations. It was proposed that it could be replaced with a community cafe day instead. Members thought that it would be better to hold a summer fair later in the season, perhaps in July. They also discussed holding an art and craft fair in August or September.

10. AOB: Alan has ordered hanging baskets from Corachie Clematis. Members discussed various options to maximise the big hall's potential for different indoor games.

A provisional date for the next meeting has been set for Monday 20th June.