

KDCC Committee Meeting 20/6/22

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

1. Apologies: Clare Harley, Deborah McCartney
2. Minutes from previous meeting: Brian proposed a change to the minutes: Discovery Adventures' booking was in June, not July. Otherwise, the minutes were approved by Brian, seconded by Sandra, and will be signed by Alan.
3. Treasurer's report: Ali reported that the bank balance at the end of May stood at £20, 092.84. The balance on the day of the meeting stands at £19,462.35. Zurich Insurance is due for renewal (£1399.54) and a further payment is due from the Nature Restoration Fund (£4500). Ali provided a full breakdown of income and expenditure, which will accompany these minutes in the minutes folder.
4. Booking secretary's report: Brian outlined the month's various bookings, including a local musician who has booked the hall for 3 days practice (28th-30th June), a private ceilidh in August and a wedding for next year.
5. Hall matters:
 - a) Septic tank - Alan reported that Scottish Water had visited (without notice) as part of the hall's 3 year contract. This visit has now been deferred as the hall has not been used throughout Covid.
 - b) Safety signs - members discussed the pros and cons of erecting a 'park at your own risk' sign for the car park and will look into costs.
 - c) Watering plants and baskets - Alan and Sandra volunteered to organise this over the next few weeks.
 - d) External maintenance - members discussed various tasks, including painting the black skirting on the outside of the hall and the picnic benches. Alan will ask for volunteers by community email.
 - e) Dormer cladding - this job is still outstanding as tradespeople are very busy.
6. Grants: Alan reported that the new Coop application has been submitted. Members briefly discussed other grant possibilities.
7. Nature Restoration Fund: Alan reported that this project is almost complete, except for the purchase of some tree guards and stakes, and the planting of the wildflower meadow, which will be done before the end of June (the project spending deadline).
8. Cafe and social events: Members decided on July 2nd for the next community cafe, with a provisional date for 6th August. No other social events are planned until September.
9. AOB: Members discussed the Appin Community Development Trust's recent poster regarding the need for office space in the area. Alan will enquire further to see what information the Trust is looking for.

Alan reported that a local person has suggested using the back room (previously used by the P.O) as an archive/study area for people to carry out research into local history. Members will gather more information about this before coming to any decision.

The next meeting is set provisionally for 15/8/22. There will be no meeting in July.

