

Portmoak Village Hall AGM Minutes 24th November 2022

Present:

Clare Abbott-Smith (Chair & Secretary), Ronnie Loftus (treasurer)
John Nicol (Booking Secretary/Committee Member) Joan Smith (minute secretary)
Shelagh Goudie, Enid Brown, Andy Miller (Com. Council Chair) Norma
Smith, Sue Mitchell-Henry, Anne Price, Barbara Robertson, Lisa Armstrong, Euan Robertson,
Jane Martin, Donna Brown, Joe Smith.

Apologies

Felicity Garvie, Louise Gordon.

Meeting opened at 19.30 by Clare who thanked all for attending and said how great it was to see so many present.

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Previous AGM minutes

Proposed by Shelagh, Seconded by Enid

Chairman's Report:

Firstly please accept my apologies that I had to postpone this AGM for a month due to personal circumstances.

Secondly this is going to be a fairly short report. Since reopening the hall has been used fairly regularly with losing some income from a user group (confirm with John).

Last year we discussed getting funding to replace all the windows and potentially the doors. I applied for Community Lottery funding, however it took a considerable amount of time to get written quotes – after much chasing we have received them and by that time the application had had to be closed. I have since spoken to the funds coordinator and with the quotes I can re apply.

- Barry Watson – Kinross. Priced for UPVC all replacements apart from the kitchen fire door 17,940 pounds.

- SRJ Windows – Dunfermline. Priced for all windows and not the doors 16, 298 pounds.

Discussion and decision needs to be made re this as weather will get in . The running repairs that I did before last winter are still ok but extremely amateur.

The company that is dealing with the liquidation of McKay's flooring are still taking this forward and I was unable to contact them for an update – an email has been sent. So we still do not know whether we will get any money back.

The Ceilidh was changed to an Autumn one and by all accounts was successful. The Glenfarg Band that had been providing the music for many years no longer played so we hired Orwell Ceilidh Band which were slightly more expensive but had a different take on the music and went down very well.

Ronnie will be able to provide the profit we gained from the evening.

Thanks: As always to Pat and John, whom without the hall would be a shadow of what it is. This mainly volunteered service is hugely underestimated in the time and care given . Recently I, due to circumstances helped out and even though I eventually “tamed” the floor buffer it was a poor result with a huge amount of energy expended.

Thanks to all who pulled together for the Ceilidh – clockwork organisation in the kitchen – thank you Shelagh, table decorations supplied by Jane. Barrel of beer by Stewart and poured by Jonnie and Norman. Donations from various groups for the raffle and the food. The setting and up and clearing up “crew”.

Joe and Joan for both keeping the website up to date and various other un minuted help throughout the year.

The 100 Club is our other major way of fund raising and thanks to John and Shelagh for this and with the help from Joan for posting the forms through letter boxes to raise awareness and money.

We need more input and committee needs more help and new blood I for one said I would take the chair for a couple of years, look how that has panned out.....any suggestions?

It was raised from the floor during the report that the cost of replacing the windows seemed extremely high and that cheaper alternatives might be available. Suggestions of other companies were given and it was decided to obtain more quotes for the work.

Treasurer's Report:

The income this year was £15,681.01 this included "crowd funding" and grants along with hire of the hall and the "100" club. Income from "private" hires has increased and regular income from local group hires has returned following the pandemic.

There was no major expenditure .

Net surplus was £10,008.85

It was decided to leave hire costs as they are as they were raised last year. However this decision will be reviewed at the User meeting in March in light of increased fuel costs.

All were reminded to be careful with electricity use.

There have been problems with the heating levels of the hall. It transpired that groups were altering the thermostat to their needs and not returning it to the original setting. Consequently the hall was at the wrong temperature for the next user. Please do not touch the thermostat in future, it is set at the appropriate temperature. Clare will send out an email informing all user groups.

Office Bearers and Committee members -

Clare will remain as Chair and Secretary

Ronnie to remain as treasurer

John to remain as booking secretary

Joan to remain as minutes secretary

Other committee members : Stuart Cail, Tanji Kale, Euan Robertson,
Nicola Cassidy remaining as before.

Both Clare and John indicated that they are only willing to remain for one more year.

A.O.B:

A request was made by Donna if the brownies and guides can have sleepovers in the hall. This will be looked into as regards insurance cover. There is also a problem with the Brownie cupboard being damp. This will be dealt with. Some photos displayed on the Brownie notice board space have been vandalised. All were reminded of the need for respect of others property

Andy remarked on the good value of the use of the hall. Their may be a need to increase prices but user groups also need to support the hall with extra fund raising if possible. He felt that there may be a need to rotate committee members.

It was also reported the the primary school always keep the hall in mind for fund raising. Norma mentioned the "resilience fund" for loss during the pandemic may be available and also "Westfield funds for the community" may be another funding stream.

The Portmoak Babies and Toddlers are planing new outside play equipment and asked if hall insurance covered outside equipment – this will be looked into.

All were reminded of the need to carry out regular fire drills and record in the "fire drill" book.

There was some discussion about proposed Westminster voting boundary changes and how this affects the use of the hall as a polling centre. All can make comments on the Boundary changes web site.

Hall Website – please look at this and notify Joe of updates needed

100 club – Please encourage all to support this. Forms will be put through doors in the next week or so.

Future dates :

Christmas Decorating –Sunday 11th Dec 2022 at 1pm

User Meeting – Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 7.30pm

Ceilidh - Saturday 13th May 2023

AGM - Thursday 26th Oct 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting was closed by Clare at approx. 8.45pm and a vote of thanks to Clare and the committee was given by Donna.