

MINUTES OF AMULREE VILLAGE HALL TRUST FUND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT BASC PREMISES TROCHRY.

The meeting is being held at BASC as the hall is currently closed due to the building project.

Chairman W Brady welcomed those present, namely David Fox, Julie Brady, Dawn Frame, Megan Wylie, Lindsay McManamon, Isabel Brady and Craig Henderson.

Apologies received from Anna Campbell, Archie and Ben MacKinnon, Stewart & Jane Pritchard, Fionna Rutherford, Katie Miles, Ginny Ritchley and when I was back home there was email with apologies from Lynne Campbell who also wishes to stand down from committee in the meantime due to heavy workload and other commitments.

The minutes having been circulated were taken as read and as no questions were signed by the chairman.

Megan gave the Treasurer's report with a full spreadsheet of the year's transactions, the sum in the bank is £10,639.69 at the end of the financial year.

It was noted that Amazon Smile has discontinued giving donations on purchases but Give as You Live still donates when you buy online from many firms. All these small donations mount up. There had been over £600 for the year in the hall car park donations letter box. We wondered if we could have some sort of card payment machine at the letter box where people could make donations if they didn't have cash with them. The cooker and the dishwasher from the former kitchen had been sold on Marketplace for a small sum.

### **Election of committee**

Chairman, Billy proposed by Julie seconded by David

Vice Chair, David proposed by Isabel seconded by Julie

Secretary, Isabel proposed by Lindsay seconded by Dawn. It was noted that secretary would like to step back a bit when project finished.

Treasurer, Megan proposed by Billy seconded by Isabel

Committee members all willing to remain on committee, plus Katie Miles proposed by Isabel seconded Billy.

### **Project update**

David gave an update on the building work. He is in regular contact with the contractor. Everything is on track, the designs for steel were redrawn by engineer so that meant a bit of a delay. Steel is now in position. Next stage is insulation then the corrugated roof panels. The next inspection by an independent engineer is also due to take place.

The phone box has been removed and foundations dug for the disabled toilet and entrance. The defibrillator will need to move, possible sites were behind the notice board

on main wall or round beside toilet windows or at the northwest corner where the new fire escape will be.

The kitchen will be delivered to the hall at end of Nov beginning of Dec.

David has every confidence in the contractor and they are progressing despite the very wet conditions that we have had lately.

Lindsay has had correspondence with Sir John Kemp-Welch. He wishes with committee approval, to send a letter to fellow landowners who donated to the project to inform them of the progress of the build and anticipated completion date and also to see how they would like to be recognised for their donations.

### **Amulree Hall Supporters 100 Club**

Thanks to Ginny for starting this up. Since May monthly draws have taken place with two winners each month. Megan was able to update us that the total in fund was £1201.33. Ginny had previously asked that something could be purchased with the money and I had said can we wait till project nearer completion and we can see what is required.

### **SCIO**

We are not trading under a SCIO as yet even although we are registered. Kevin Lancaster is still dealing with title deeds. Secretary to be in touch with Kevin re position.

### **Safeguarding Policy**

The safeguarding policy was circulated but no amendments needed. David is safeguarding officer. Secretary to enquire if we can have the Safeguarding policy put on the website. Lindsay can access other templates if needed for policies in the future.

### **Heating system**

Megan has paid the deposit to Haddows for the new system which will be Air Source Heat Pump. Lindsay advised to be careful not to pay too much in advance ahead of full approval from the funders. Not allowed to pay more than 25% of the total cost.

## **AOCB**

Craig commended the committee on making progress with the building project, he thinks it is a great project and hoping we can all be cooperative in going forward for the benefit of Amulree. He asked if we thought the project would be successful, of course we think it will be successful, we wouldn't be doing it otherwise.

He is concerned about the water supply. Earlier in the year there had been a meeting between the owners of the seven properties on the supply, including the hall committee, the hall being one of the properties on the supply. This meeting was co-chaired by John Wigzell DBCC and John Duff Aberfeldy councillor. John Wigzell was appointed mediator between Craig and the other residents. The full conclusion from this meeting has yet to come.

Craig asked if hall committee had considered rainwater collection. This has been mentioned briefly in the past, the contractor's plumber has not been on site but the question will be raised again. The hotel has developed rainwater collection systems and Craig can provide us with information on such. David explained that when hall opens there

is not likely to be a significant increase of use of water. Lindsay has done a water consumption project showing there would be an increase but we should also remember that the toilets will be upgraded so less water used when flushing. The 5 year business plan has ideas for future hall use which may increase water consumption a bit.

Craig indicated that his concerns are that when hall is in use again plus the new builds at the hotel being occupied and the hotel being opened by next spring, plus the possibility of Cluarin reopening, plus the holiday cottage lets and residents all using water that there isn't enough water for everyone.

The exchange became more heated and again, as at previous meetings, the allegation of water being "stolen" from the hotel came from Craig. When inappropriate language was used to a committee member, the meeting came to an abrupt halt.