

## KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall

Committee members present: T. Mitchell (Chair), F. Gillanders (Treasurer), D. Scaife (Secretary), E. Coyle, C. Roberts  
Also present: two representatives from Community Links Scotland (CLS)

### **1) APOLOGIES**

M. Anderson, L. Files, C. Gibson

### **2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

These were approved as a true record.

### **3) MATTERS ARISING**

- a) A cheque for £595.00 has been received from the Argyll & Bute Trust as funding for the Beach Clean carried out around the shoreline of Loch Melfort. £105.00 of this is to be forwarded to the treasurer of the Kilninver School Board for the stretch that they helped with.
- b) FG has offered to help CG to move the recycling bins to the far end of the carpark.
- c) The Hall hire fee has not yet been received from the Community Council.
- d) The Quiz Night in May raised £308.00.
- e) The Hall hire fee of £70.00 relating to accommodation for Arduaine Garden volunteers is to be paid directly into the bank account.

### **4) CARETAKER'S REPORT**

The draught excluder is to be fitted to the back door by Ian Mackinnon. No other outstanding matters.

### **5) TREASURER'S REPORT**

- a) The bank balance in the main account stands at £4,373.
- b) The 100 Club account stands at £1,175.

### **6) INSULATION OF THE HALL**

A grant for the insulation of the main hall has been agreed by the Leader program (47.5%) and by Community Energy Scotland (50%) giving the Hall a total of £27,644.40. The committee is under obligation to carry out 90 hours of work relating to the Hall's business plan as a contribution towards the funding. TM and FG have agreed to work on this project on behalf of the committee.

The work is to be carried out from 6<sup>th</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> September and no bookings for the main hall are being taken during that period. The timber framework is to be constructed in advance, with the panels, plasterboard and painting being carried out in situ.

The stage curtains may need to be taken down or protected from the dust in some way.

CG is to be asked to paint the skirting boards when the work is finished.

It is hoped that acoustic panels may be fitted at a later date. The condition of stage lighting needs to be assessed.

### **7) COMMUNITY LINKS SCOTLAND (CLS)**

CLS is a charitable, not for profit, organisation that supports local community groups. Kilmelford & Kilninver Village Hall is one of six village halls to have been selected for assistance. CLS will draw up an outline business plan for us and give advice and help on submitting applications for grants to various bodies. A total of eight days' help is on offer.

The aim is to upgrade the facilities in the Hall in order to improve the future marketing opportunities. Village Halls are becoming a popular venue for functions, such as weddings, because they offer more space and a larger area for dancing than most hotels. It is hoped to attract custom from outside the area.

Suggested improvements for which funding may be sought include: a refit of the kitchen, more efficient and greener heating, solar panels for hot water, new carpet in the corridor, new flooring in the lesser hall, plasterboard skim in the lesser hall, acoustic panels in the main hall and replacement furniture.

Once a business plan is drawn up it could be sent to individual organisations as part of the application for funding as necessary. Applying for Lottery funding is more of a challenge as it has to be matched by an equal amount.

As part of the business plan, CLS is also prepared to send out a survey questionnaire around the Kilmelford, Kilninver and Arduaine area asking what sort of activities, services and facilities people would like to see at the Village Hall. Another questionnaire would go to regular groups who use the Hall asking what improvements could be made. CLS is to send us a draft copy of the survey for comment.

### **8) FUND RAISING**

- a) FG reports that there is an encouraging level of interest among local musicians for the proposed Ceilidh. A date in October is to be confirmed.
- b) Neil Goulding has kindly offered to be MC at this year's Hogmanay Party.

### **9) DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm