

ARDENTINNY HALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 36 Ardenfield on Monday 17th May 2010.

Members present

Margaret Emmett, Pauline Gordon, Vicky Fairley, Jo Wilkinson, Marian Norris

Apologies were received from:

Merle Ferguson

James Gordon

Margaret Greenhalgh

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising

Vicky Fairley asked whose job it would be to set the agenda. It was decided that this should be the job of the Chairman.

It was requested that the approved minutes be posted on the village notice board.

David McDowall was asked to investigate the possibility of a bigger notice board at the hall, and also information boards attached to the forestry signs, particularly that at the end of the road near the hall.

Financial Report

In bank account - £3722.14

In petty cash - £135.13

In emergency savings account - £4195.94

The previous hall committee had done a very good job in keeping the hall in use and solvent. The hall costs a great more to run than is taken in by rents and it will be necessary to continue fund raising whenever possible.

Priorities for action

1. It is necessary to make an inventory of the hall possessions. A date will be set for committee members to meet at the hall for this as soon as possible.
2. All members of the committee and a representative from each club should have a key to the hall.
3. The problem of keeping the hall clean was discussed. All committee members are willing to help with an initial spring clean, but it was felt that organisations should take more responsibility for cleaning up after themselves. Volunteers would be approached willing to help with this.

4. It is the time of the year to go around and collect Hall Association membership fees, and money for the Lucky Draw. Vicky Fairley suggested that not enough members knew about the draw, and perhaps more information could be given about the cost of running the hall, the way the draw works, how the hall is used and coming events. She will draw up a leaflet which can be delivered at the same time as the money is collected
5. There was a great deal of discussion as to events in the hall, and many suggestions were put forward. The great efforts by the hall committee to get people to use the hall in the past were also discussed, and it was decided that we can but try. Margaret Emmett said that she had been approached by Argyll and Bute Council to use the hall for training days, and she would investigate further. Concerts, ceilidhs and a grandchildren's day were also discussed, but it was decided to concentrate for the time being on three things:
 - a. The Flower Show
 - b. Setting up a monthly fleamarket in the hall. The first one will be on July 10th. Information to be included on the leaflet.
 - c. Setting up a weekly "Drop in morning" (name to be decided) when people could use the internet, try out and learn about computers, change their books at the library set up by the previous committee, have a cup of tea, chat – possibly also have representatives of organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau available. The first one will be on 16th June. Information to be included on the leaflet.

Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was to be decided, but would include the inventory day. Margaret Emmett would let everybody know through email.