

# ARDENTINNY HALL ASSOCIATION

## **SC Number:072868**

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Hall on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

### **Committee Members present**

Margaret Emmett, Vicky Fairley, James Gordon, Margaret Greenhalgh, Marian Norris, Merle Ferguson

24 hall members attended the meeting, as is their right at a charitable group meeting. The chairman welcomed them to the meeting and pointed out that this was a normal committee meeting and not an open meeting. They were not allowed to speak unless requested to do so, but there would be a question and answer session at the end in any other business.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

### **Matters arising**

- The guttering has been unblocked.
- The sink in the toilets has been mended.
- The heater in the gent's toilets is broken – a sign has been fixed warning people not to use it at present.
- The forestry commission has been asked to suspend the fixing of the signboards in view of the controversy about the name of the hall.
- Open Mornings – These have been very successful and seem to fill a need in the village. Although entry and coffee are free, we have so far raised £148.59 for hall funds from sale of books, donations, a bric a brac table and selling table space. Some people have told us they value the chance to meet and chat over a coffee, particularly in view of the fact that the village at present does not have a café or a hotel.

### **Flower Show**

This was a successful day and ran smoothly. The committee would like to thank Jo Wilkinson, Sandra Primrose, Mary Menzies, Babs Marshall and Jim Robinson for their help on the day, particularly in view of the fact that we were a bit short-handed due to illness. We also expressed our thanks to all the judges and our adjudicators, Madalene Lee and Dougie Menzies. Although numbers were down, cash totals were very satisfactory.

Raffle	106.50
Door	117.60
Tombola	95.50
Auction	204.18
Total	523.78

We had a list of things to be discussed for next year. These included;

- Giving out the tickets in advance, although the blue colour for selling was very successful.
- Labelling the tables more specifically, by schedule number, so that people could find their places easily.
- Opening at 2 p.m, rather than 2.30. This gives time to sell the tombola and serve teas, without being too late for the raffle and the auction.
- Having a home-made wine and beer section.

- Adjusting the award system for greater fairness – perhaps winners could get something more than a gold star.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Membership to date	1168
Open Mornings	148.59
Bank of Scotland	4837.36
Standard Life	4204.37
Petty Cash	101.74

### **AOCB**

This took the form of a question and answer session and discussion. The main points are as follows:

It was reported that the result of the vote on the name to be used for the hall was 41 for Ardentinnny Village Hall and 29 for Glenfinart Hall, Ardentinnny.

Q. What would happen now?

Committee stated that some kind of compromise had to be reached. Whilst many people felt that the name of the hall should not be changed as that would be denying its history and the name over the door, in view of the fact that the majority of voters wanted Ardentinnny Village Hall, or some derivation of this, this would be used on posters and signs. After some discussion this was agreed. Some members expressed disapproval of the way the village had been divided and the gossip and atmosphere which had been created and thought that thanks should be expressed to the hall committee for their hard work in the face of this. M. Ferguson stated how much the hall meant to her, and that we should all work together to preserve it.

Q. Why had the village not been consulted over the change of name?

The committee pointed out that this was not necessary as they thought that no change was being made. They considered that the name of the hall was Glenfinart Hall and had acted accordingly. No decision on this had been recorded in minutes. It was also pointed out that no committee could hold a referendum of membership on every decision which was made, and had to be trusted to get on with managing the hall. The only reason for putting out a questionnaire about the computer link in the hall was because we are attempting to obtain grants for this and need support for this application.

Q. Why are there so many posters around the village?

Marian Norris pointed out that publicity was very important if people are to be attracted to events in the hall. All posters had been printed and distributed free by ardentinnny.org. The sign at the end of the hall road had been made and lent to the hall by them. The only money spent on publicity was for newspaper ads. Signs ordered from the Forestry Commission had been put on hold pending the decision on the name. They would now read "Ardentinnny Village Hall".

Proposed

Seconded

Chairman

