



# ARDERSIER WAR MEMORIAL HALL

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<b>Date</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2014 19.30pm
<b>Held</b>	Ardersier War Memorial Hall
<b>Present</b>	Eleanor Ross(ER), John Ross(JR), Grant Stewart(GS), Barbara Doran(BD), Bill Mitchell(BM), Camilla Staunton(CS), Tony Miklinski(TM)
<b>Apologies</b>	June Mackay, Roddy Balfour, Kate Stephen, Sheena Fleming
<b>Absent</b>	Jamie Mitchell, Tricia Macpherson, Christine Fleming, Carol Macpherson, Donald Forbes, Vicky Forsyth, Stephanie Wilkins

## AGM 2013-14

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by chairperson Eleanor Ross.

- Mary Douglas officially resigned.
- ER explained to those present that there was little to report as the last AGM was held 4 years ago due to the closure of the AWMH for safety and then redevelopment.

### Chairpersons Report

- Background of phase 1 and how it has proceeded in this way simply due to funding amounts awarded by Leader, Biffa Award and Climate Challenge Fund.
- Present status of Big Lottery application for phase 2. Various concerns were raised about how much it will cost, the benefits, the belief in the village as a whole, who is involved. This was an open discussion with more detail on professionals taken on (and off) the project and what has been learned so far.
- The situation with the Old School Hall was discussed at length providing more background information for TM and CS. Although the AWMH committee own and maintain the OSH it was highlighted 2 years ago by another Lottery funded application (Community Spaces Scotland) that there was a conflict of interest between the 2 buildings. ER explained that the OSH has had funding for a development plan (as opposed to a business plan) of its potential. This was carried out by public consultation in various forms over the last year or so. The proposals are items like cafe, heritage centre, Men's Shed, other recreation and rental of offices for potential businesses. This does not replicate with the Memorial Hall which will have the library, youth club/games room, kitchen and meeting room.

### Treasurers Report

- BD went through the some of the detail to the figures. Please note that CROFT *is* the Old School Hall. It was explained that maintaining it as a company was unnecessary.

### **Treasurer's Report (contd)**

- The Old School Hall electricity costs were highlighted as a concern for the committee in that the library only pays 25% but is the main user of it. (Last bill was £1,288 for 3 months)

**Action:** ER will look into obtaining more rental from HighLife Highland to help support the running of the library.

- CROFT's current balance is £6,354 (£5,000 obtained from discretionary budget)

### **Other business**

- Tony Miklinski was asked for his support as a trustee. ER proposed, BD seconded.
- Camilla Staunton was asked for her support as a committee member and she accepted.
- Big Lottery representatives will be visiting the hall and Old School Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> April at 14.30pm. The members all agreed that a plan to present and support the business and development plans for the Phase 2 application should be formulated.

**Meeting ended 20.50pm**