



ARDERSIER WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Date	22 ND October 2014, 19:40pm
Held	Ardersier War Memorial Hall
Present	Eleanor Ross(ER), John Ross(JR), Grant Stewart(GS), Alice Grant(AG), Tricia Macpherson(TM), Andrea Sutherland (AS), Rosalyn Grant (RG), Abby Reardon(AR), Siobhan Mackenzie(SM), Kate Mclellan(KM), June Mackay(JM), Lorna Ross(LR)
Apologies	Barbara Doran(sick)

ITEM No	Detail	Action
1.	Minutes	
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steps are now available in the toilets for kids with 2 spare Halloween party for adults cancelled Electricity and water now available in old block (although kitchen and floor ripped out entirely) BIG Lottery application questions to be submitted 	
2.	Highland Council Report	
2.1	Nothing to report	
3.	Chairperson report	
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The phase 1 project has left the Memorial Hall in debt. Currently £7,800 to the Highland Council (cashflow loan during build). £6,700 to Mcleods Builders. There is a retention fee (for snags) of about £3,300 but will be waived as it has not been honoured due to the outstanding debt. £5,000 obtained from Ward discretionary budget for new kitchen. Business recovery plan as suggested by HISEZ (Highland and Islands Enterprise Zone) is to move tenants from Old School Hall to Memorial Hall leaving the library(HighLife) to be the main tenant thus paying the rent and all the electricity. Produce repayment plan to the two main creditors through fundraising. For example, 2 ceilidhs plus BBQ summer dance (£5,000), library rental £3,000, 200 Club £1,200, farmers market, table sales, fitness classes, coffee mornings (£500-1000) to name a few. BIG Lottery application will continue but receive continuous feedback from them questioning the sustainability of the project with only 3-4 hours a week usage. Applied for Awards for All for £10,000 for badminton court, equipment, mobile stage and new chairs. 	
4.	Treasurers Report	
4.1	N/A	
5.	Any other business	

5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KM expressed concern over the future of the service point and library. ER explained there would be no change as selling the OSH would go straight to the Highland Council anyway. The economic burden period is 5 years (Sept 2016) plus it could be sold to another Community Group. • Library futures are under review and usage is dropping all the time (source:HISEZ). Highlife is still responsible and get the rental very cheap compared to other places. ER has been encouraged by local councillors to ask for more rent but is aware in doing so may affect the future of the library. • Various discussions on how funds may be raised. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bar vs BYOB. BYOB for ceilidhs as ticket price can be higher. Bar useful but needs personal license however TM is the only one with this. Look into one for the committee/hall ○ 1st Jan 2015 for ceilidh ○ Tartan night 29th November. As St Andrews day is on the 30th. A ceilidh dance in Tartan costume seemed ideal. It will be BYOB. Ticketed. ○ Quiz night and bar. December? • Kitchen – a couple of plans were shown for the new kitchen with some of the units taken from OSH to cut costs. 2 sinks recommended. • Local volunteers to help with the old block and externally. KM suggested a flyer to put through all doors for anyone with a bit of extra time to come and help. 500 black and white A4 printed and delivered by committee members and even the local postman. Possible Open Night so they can come along and see for themselves. • The treasurer could not make it due to poor health so the committee were asked about a possible replacement for BD in the near future. KM mentioned Signpost for book keeping in the mean time. • Halloween party for kids finalised for Sat 25th October 	ER ER/GS JR +all JR +all TM + AG GS + KM + JM + LR GS AR+SM
6.	Date of next meeting: TBC	