

Archiestown Village Council

Scottish Registered Charity. Number SC001696



Executive Committee Meeting

September 4th, 2018

Minutes

1. **Attendees:** Sheena Ledingham (Chair), Jim Hart, Isobel Hendry, Angus Holmes, Sarah Holmes, Eilidh O'Loughlan

Guests: Glen “ “ and Sharon Gibson, Macallan Distillers

There followed a very positive discussion with the Macallan representatives in which Sheena outlined the AVC assets, responsibilities, activities and plans and they in turn offered apologies for the disruption caused by the recent distillery bottling sale and went on to outline a new approach which would hopefully develop into a new long-term relationship with our local communities.

Globally, Macallan invest heavily into local communities, but have realised that this effort is not mirrored in Speyside where the product is distilled.

AVC offered some suggestions in which Macallan could offer tangible support and they have agreed to come back in about 3-4 weeks with some proposals and a new pro-active style of working together as part of the community.

2. **Apologies:** Lynda McLean, Robbie Walker, Councillors Derek Ross & Louise Laing

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes (14/08/18):** Proposed, Angus Seconded, Eilidh

4. Matters Arising

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| Kitchen & Toilet Upgrade | NRG have been contacted and details handed over and response expected. It was noted that we have a variety of full and partial quotation responses and it was felt that in the near future we should take the chance to finalise a decision, in order to estimate the amount needed from external funders. It was agreed to retain £5,000 in our account as an operating reserve. | Sheena/Sarah |
| Xmas Lights | Mathew Charlesworth will advise when he is able to inspect our village lights. | Sheena |

5. Projects A. Feedback

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| Playingfield Container | This has now been installed and “looking good”. Some uncertainty about what has been moved and what has yet to be moved into it. 2 external iron benches have been removed | Robbie |
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5. Projects B. Operational/strategic

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| BBQ – Pub Night Sept 8th | Food frozen from the fete will be used for BBQ. Few ancillary purchases necessary. (Lynda & Hamish) – from 4.30 Bar is adequately stocked (Angus & Jim) – from 5pm Games to be provided by Eilidh Publication in N Scot (Friday) | Lynda Angus/Jim Eilidh Sheena |
| MFCCHA Sept 23rd | Layout attachment to be sent to Sheena Jim to arrange tables/chairs A mix of sandwiches/pizza/home bakes will be prepared Tea/coffee/soft drinks Sheena to provide introductory talk about the hall Jim will confirm whether the meeting is open to public | Jim Jim All Isobel/Sheena/Sarah Sheena Jim |
| AGM Oct 30th | Julie has been contacted re. Independent Examiners report Jim will prepare the necessary public notifications | Sarah Jim |
| Winter Fayre Dec 1st | Eilidh will convene a meeting on Sept 11 th Fayre to run 2-4 pm ~4.30 - 5.00 Mulled Wine/Mince Pies/Singing Lights on ~ 5pm Bar open from 5pm There will be a raffle | Eilidh Sheena Jim All |
| Seniors Lunch Dec 9th | Detailed discussion deferred | All |
| Children's party Dec 23rd | Detailed discussion deferred | All |
| "Chris Grant" | Sarah will try to book this act for around Valentine's Day 2019 Suggested limited bar and £10 per ticket | Sarah |
| Village Fete 2019 | Discussion deferred until after Christmas break. | All |

5. Projects C. Activities - Ongoing

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| Heating system & RHI | Process still frustrating Now have access to website E-mail received requiring new letter of accreditation New pellets will be ordered | Sheena |
| Website | Tim to sign over domain rights to Sarah | Sarah |

6. Treasurer's Report

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| Financial Position and Forecast | Current balance approx. £13,000 excluding overdue RHI income payments. | Sarah |
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7. Correspondence:

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| Routine correspondence has been circulated to AVC electronically |
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8. AOB

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| Cups | A number of cups were broken recently, but we have ~100 of each type of crockery, which was thought to be adequate | |
| Amazon Smile | Sarah to set up account for AVC | Sarah |
| Moray Fire (MF) | Invoice received. Inquiry by Sarah to MF regarding access to the hall and absence of any committee member to verify work that was undertaken. Awaiting response | Sarah |
| Speyside Community Council and Area Forum | It was felt appropriate that AVC members (other than Jim) attend either/both of these regional meetings to gauge their value to AVC | All |
| Toddlers | A baby's changing unit has become available and will be located in the ladies' toilet area. | Sheena |
| Archiestown Hotel | Sheena and Isobel will arrange a date when to present the gift of a picture of Craigellachie Bridge to Alan and Jane | Sheena/Isobel |
| Flicks in the Sticks | Eilidh will explore options to host "Flicks in the Sticks" at the hall. | Eilidh |
| Funding | Angus is exploring options to secure £1,000 | Angus |

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept 25th, 2018 at 19.00