

- SCIO CVCMC Meeting

12th May 2025 – 6.30pm

PRESENT Patsy Campbell, Jean Ritchie, Murray Campbell, Hannah Walters, Alex Hazelwood and Mairi Nye

APOLOGIES – Barry Thorp and Tim Wilcock

MATTERS ARISING

- Correction to last month's minutes - Jean has secured **all** of the judges for the Rural Products Show
- **Jean** still to follow up legal firm regarding situation of bank and trustees for SCIO.
- **Alex** still to purchase a set of steps to be tested out before purchasing a second set.
- **Alex** still to purchase the new urn for the kitchen.
- Roof has been repaired.
- Stop cock and Emersion Heater have been repaired.
- Alex has had some submissions and notes of interest for the Photo Exhibition however it was agreed we would cancel the 25th of May date for this event and reschedule. **Alex** will readvertise the request for submissions.
- Pot Luck Supper and Games Night on 19th April – around 12 people attended but no one was interested in games.
- Weavers of Grass theatre/poetry event. 27people attended £260 went to Chrys Salt and £10 for the hall funds.
- Kirsti had not been approached yet for her report in relation to village centre activities for young people. Hannah contacted her by text during the meeting and Kirsti emailed the committee her findings later that evening (see attached under AOB) *

Treasurers Report

No update

Purchase of Equipment for Hall

After some discussion it was agreed that as well as a set of steps for tiered seating (a second set will be purchased after testing these) and a new urn for the kitchen the following would also be purchased-

- 30 chairs with a stacking trolley that can be wheeled from hall to meeting room when full of chairs.
- 10 black clipping folding tables
- 8 trestle tables for the bowlers

(Rough cost of these purchases £5000.

It was further agreed that we would keep 18-20 of the old grey chairs and donate the rest of the old chairs and trolleys to charity. We would retain 10 Staging units and dispose of the rest. The retained staging units, the new folding tables, the new trolley and 30 chairs and the two sets of steps for tiered seating to be stored in the mixing deck space.

AGM 6th June 7.00pm

Alex will email out to the SCIO membership an agenda and the minutes of last year's AGM. Murray will arrange for the meeting to be linked through Zoom.

Maintenance Day 31st May

Hannah will look for the previous list of maintenance jobs used by Peter Raine in the past and **Alex** will circulate this with a request for volunteers for the day.

On the day itself it was agreed we would create another list of larger jobs that require undertaking like painting walls etc.

Alex will spend his time on the day organising and labelling the electrical equipment and sound system wiring in the mixing deck space.

Mairi will wash the outside and inside windows and sills and weed the area around the base of the outside of the hall.

Rural Products Show 16th August

It was agreed we will serve tea/coffee in the afternoon. **Alex** will purchase celluloid sheeting to protect the home baking. Those who purchase home baking during the auction will be handed their goods on paper plates and there will be cardboard boxes available for them to use to take their purchases home.

Up and Coming Events

Theatre production of Life on the 16th May at 7.30pm. **Alex** will set up tiered seating in the morning and **Murray** will come to hall around 11.30am to meet with theatre people regarding the lighting and sound system etc. **Mairi** will be on the door to take ticket money etc from 7.00pm

A.O.B

Hannah to ask Tim about the charge for hire of the hall for the poetry event on Sunday 11th May which was raising funds for the Community Garden.

Hannah will email the committee with info about a Scottish folk singer who has contacted her with a request to perform at the hall.

Kirsti's report-

I reviewed the survey a while ago and have finally managed to consult with a few parents about options.

As noted by text message to Hannah, the conclusions/proposals are:

- A very short survey for parents/carers (covering e.g.: age of children, which activities from a list of suggestions arising in the survey responses the children might be interested in; which activities the parent/carer could help run). If the committee is happy with this idea, I can sort this out. I will consult with Jim E to get his expert advice on survey best practice.

Meanwhile:

- Establish a pattern of quarterly "family nights", with different activities each time, driven by parents/carers/families (they can take turns to organise the activities). All the committee needs to do is book the space and help publicise. Activities might include: play space and hang out zone for socialising, family dinner night; board games, party games, crafts etc.. Preferably in the meeting room, as it is a cosier space for smaller numbers of people. The interactions at these could also supplement the survey in stimulating ideas for other activities in between the quarterly nights. I will try to find out if there is a preference for which day of the week would be best. Then I'd suggest: late Feb, May/ June, September, early December.
- Leave the ping pong table up as a default. It's a bit of a faff for children to get out and it puts people off. If it was up and it was clear the hall was free, people might more happily just drop in on an ad hoc basis.
- Promote to the community that the hall is available to all for informal/occasional/ad hoc use. It would be useful to make the bookings calendar more accessible so people can easily see if the hall is available at short notice (e.g. a rainy Sunday afternoon in November if you need some space to play) without it being a process to book it.
- Potentially also advertise the hall as a venue more widely for activities and events (e.g. wider West Linton).
- Kit out the meeting room for informal socialising, more soft seating and coffee tables etc.. I heard there was a pre-covid grant given to do this, but not sure if the funds ended up being re-purposed?

There is a general sense amongst parents I consulted with (and my own teenager) that regular /ongoing clubs or classes would be unlikely to work unless they were driven by demand and a leader/teacher who wanted to make it happen, as there are not enough of any one age group of children in the village regularly. There was no sense of this demand at the moment, but a recognition that it might evolve out of some of the above.

There is a willingness to help out and make some 'events' happen, but many of our parents and their children are already busy with regular activities, and it might just be the ad hoc accessibility that is most useful rather than formally scheduled/organised things.

It also should be flagged that the Carlops sports day is the same day as the Whipman sports day, which is always a big draw for school aged local children, and the Whipman would likely be prioritised by many - this would be good to avoid in future (and if possible change this year).

Please let me know if you want me to go ahead with the survey and to find out preferred nights/timing of quarterly family nights.

It would also be interesting to get the actual story about the meeting room furnishing grant :)

Again, huge apologies for my delay in following all of this up.

Cheers, Kirsti

Date of Next Meeting – 9th June at 6.30pm (first meeting after the AGM on the 6th of June)