

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Directors of Lismore Public Hall

held on 16th July 2018 at 7pm in the Committee Room

Present: Gilly Dixon Spain (GDS), Roger Dixon Spain (RDS), Archie MacGillivray (AMG), Fieke van Halder (FvH), Kiki MacColl (KK), Anna Stewart (AS),

Apologies: Colin and Ann MacLean-Fleming

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** These were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting on Wednesday May 9th 2018. Proposed: AS
Seconded: FvH
2. **Matters arising:** RDS said that the meeting had been called in order to organise the Sports and Raft Race dance, this being the last available date to do so. Previously scheduled meetings had had to be cancelled because of everyone's busy summer. He suggested that most of the Agenda items be left until the next meeting when a full Board present would be more likely present.

Sports and Raft Race Dance: AS confirmed that band was to be paid £450.00 and that she would be providing accommodation for them.
AMG agreed to pick the band up from Point. AS to let him know what time they would be arriving.

RDS and GDS to take the band back to the ferry on Sunday morning, times to be agreed.

Baking: AMF, AS, GDS

Sandwiches: 6 loaves, Ham, Chicken, Egg Mayo, Cheese and Pickle, AS, GDS, RDS

Raffle Prizes: Notice in the shop, FvH

Entry (Door) AMG, SMD

Bar: Margaret Cameron and others.

Clearing up on Sunday 10.00am, everybody invited to help

KK confirmed that the Hall would be cleaned and left ready for the dance following Heidi's wedding celebration.

Electrical Certification (OES): RDS said that OES had completed the work and that the Hall was now safe and compliant.

Fire Regulation Compliance: CMF had completed his work, fitted smoke alarms and also organised a First Aid Kit. Detail to be reported by him when he was next able to attend a meeting.

Water Testing: RDS was pleased to report that the water supply had passed its test.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** to July: **Income, £2798.33 Expenditure £3228.45 Bank 16,486.51**

Additional expenditure of approx. £2000 to be expected for the work recently completed by OES.

Cleaning charges: FvH commented that she thought that the cost of cleaning was rather high. GDS explained that AS hadn't submitted a claim for cleaning in the previous financial year, so the £650 was for that year and some of the current one.

Electricity: Utility Aid (UA) an energy broker who work with charities from animal sanctuaries to Amnesty International, approached the Hall treasurer (GDS) to quote for getting the best deal for the next 3 years, since energy prices are projected to rise significantly. The Hall's contract with SSE comes to an end in August. Gilly provided UA with letter of authorisation to obtain details of our electric usage, and thus provide relevant quotes. A comparative list of quotes was provided in late May, this was overlooked in error at the hall meeting on 6th June. UA wrote again in mid-June with the revised quote (as prices were rising fast) and advised that the Hall should act now to lock in today's prices. GDS acted on this to get the deal which would keep energy at today's prices for 3 years with British Gas, saving at least £182 per year over our current contract. KK objected to the action that GDS had taken without reference to the Board, because she considered British Gas was unreliable.

4. **AOB:** None

5. **Date of the next meeting:** Thursday 16th August 2018