

Minutes of Eilean Eisdeal Directors' meeting on 1st July 2022

Present: Jess, Rob G, Rob H, Sam, Jackie

Apologies: Iain, Lynn

Minutes of last meeting: proposed by Jess, seconded by Rob H

Matters arising		Action
	Wedding party at the Hall brought in approximately £750 (£400 fee, plus £100 and approximately half of the bar takings of £476).	
	Digital lock for Hall door. The more sophisticated wifi enabled type seems no longer available. As people are diligent in recording their hall usage in the book on the reception desk it was agreed to get a simple mechanical keypad lock, and to retain the key-operated lock as a back up (i.e. for overnight locking up to prevent sleepovers). Residents and homeowners to be given the code to unlock the door, but it is not for distribution to holidaymakers/renters/day tripper.	Rob G
	Hall windows refurbishment – weather has been too poor, now looking at a date in September.	Rob G
	Hall toilet – plumber being chased	Rob G
	Wifi – Jess topping up with £10/month as we still do not have a business debit card to set up a more permanent arrangement.	Jess
	Gym servicing – Sam still chasing SportSafe for a date	Sam
	Iain has received an email from our insurers with more questions.	
	Access ladder to harbour – completed by Rob H, thank you!	
	Museum windows – Elite Windows (Brian Graham) to give a quote	Jess
	Hall heaters – Jess has spoken to the woman named on the grant form circulated by Mellon. Sam to take forward once she has heard from Jess.	Jess/Sam
	Broken electrical equipment in Hall – to be identified by Jess with a magic marker and then volunteers requested to take to Moleigh. There are at least a freezer, fridge, dishwasher and 2 microwaves.	Jess/Sam
Hall	Wee is updating the paper record of online bookings for the door at events	Wee
Harbour	Rob H to review the various surveys and reports on the Harbour that are in the office.	Rob H
	Would a public display on the problem be useful, to raise awareness. Perhaps in the bar windows. Rob H to see if there is material for this in the surveys and reports.	Rob H
	Sam to chase the academic contact one last time	Sam
	Whoever contacted the council, please pass the contact names and details to Rob H	All
Arts	The Easdale Art Exhibition is being run this year by May and Aimée from 29 th July to 2 ^{ns} August 2022. Jess/Seafari to sponsor the wine for the event.	Jess
Museum	Before Covid we took delivery of some external display boards about the island's industrial heritage. How can we now display them? A	Rob G

	series of removable posts could be erected along the front of the hall to display them during the visitor season, and remove to keep in good condition when the weather is rough/winter. Removable posts could also be useful for the Harbour, so please price up a “bulk” purchase.	
	Rob G declared that the museum needs more promotion, could a sandwich board with opening times, entry fee etc be displayed by the Hall. The display boards mentioned above would also generate interest.	
Museum	Sales – what could we sell to generate an income? Jess commented that museums do not make money. Jackie confirmed that it is a resource we wish to keep, Sam asked Jackie to do similar costings exercise for all elements of EE.	Jackie
	Possible merchandise for museum – Slates as keyrings etc’, kids’ gifts? Rob G to put some ideas together	Rob G
	Building maintenance also needs attention.	Rob G
Stone skimming	Sam said it is proving difficult to find enough volunteers. See also minutes of subsequent focussed meeting.	
Treasurer’s report	Balance £25767.54 Simmers have been paid. There are a few harbour fees to come in. Online annual return to OSCR has been completed by Jess. The latest EE accounts have been posted on the website. Rob H, Jess and Sam to liaise re adding Rob H to bank as signatory. Bev, as bookkeeper, raised a question over the cost of insurance.	
Membership	Nothing to report.	
Website news	Tuba gig (subsequently cancelled due to Covid) Art exhibition 29 th July to 2 nd August Welcome to new residents Lisa and Adrian Seil and Easdale Community Council meeting 26 th July in Easdale Community Hall, 6.30 pm	Sam
AOB	Questions raised with two directors by community member about the lack of a waiting room on Easdale for ferry passengers. We are to advise people in the first instance to write to the council to enquire when/if a bad weather waiting facility will be restored for ferry passengers at Easdale. Also questions raised with a director about ferry frequency. Once again, advice is that people write to the council in the first instance.	
Date of next meeting	Thursday 11 th August, 6.30pm, Easdale Island Hall / Skype	