

# **The Sandison Hall**

## **St Fillans**

### **Minutes of AGM**

**Date 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Steve Howell (Chair), Johnston Brown (Treasurer), Trish Forrester (Secretary), Cathy Moncrieff.

**Apologies:** Russell Cunningham, Alex Duncan, Don Forrester, David Gow, Ulrika and Rico Hollis, Ruth and Geoff Hardman-Carter and Pete and Sally Rickhuss.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Proposed as a true record by Richard Graham and seconded by Isobel Howell.

**Matters Arising:** No matters arising.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report and Accounts for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### **Trustees Report for 2023**

#### **Management**

The Sandison Hall (the "Hall") is the Village Hall for the residents of St Fillans, Perthshire.

The Trustees of the Hall during 2023 were:

Mr James Brierley (Chairman)  
Mrs P Forrester (Secretary)  
Mr A J Brown (Treasurer)  
Mr G R Cunningham  
Revd C Dobney

In addition to the Trustees, management of the Hall is vested in a committee which has, as its members, representatives chosen by the various clubs and societies which utilise the Hall. The Committee meets on average every three months.

The objects of the Hall are:

- a) in association with the inhabitants, voluntary organisations and local authority, to provide opportunities for the residents of St Fillans and the surrounding area, without distinction of political, religious or other opinion, to share in a common effort to promote educational, cultural, recreational, social and other like activities with the object of improving the social welfare and conditions of life for the said residents;
- b) to provide for the management, upkeep, maintenance and preservation of the Hall;
- c) to raise funds by way of subscription and any other lawful means;
- d) to do all things lawful for the general benefit of members and the community.

## Results

The accounts for the Hall are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. None of the funds of the Hall are restricted and there are no expendable or permanent endowment funds.

An operating surplus of £3,176 arose despite the impact of higher electricity bill and the cessation of several regular users of the Hall. Specific Fund raising through the Swishing Sale, April's Fools Bazaar and Tai Chi classes raised a fantastic total of £3,230.

Expenditure was restricted to essentials, particularly maintaining heating, as required and insurance and only necessary repairs. The previous long-term contract for electricity, with Scottish Power, ended on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and standard tariff terms applied for the first three months of the year whereupon a new fixed rate tariff for three years was agreed effective until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Approved by the Trustees on 1st February 2024, and signed on their behalf by Patricia Forrester.

The accounts were independently verified by Gordon McDowall.

## The Sandison Hall Income and expenditure account for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Income		£	£
Rent from users	1	1,780	1,215
Subscriptions		435	460

Donations		<b>2,160</b>	1,881
Gift Aid	<b>2</b>	<b>437</b>	338
Fund Raising		<b>3,230</b>	-
Grants received	<b>3</b>	<b>250</b>	-
Investment income received		<u><b>52</b></u>	<u>7</u>
Total income		<b><u>8,344</u></b>	<b><u>3,901</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Insurance		<b>887</b>	828
Heating and lighting	<b>4</b>	<b>3,429</b>	666
Cleaning		<b>41</b>	144
Repairs and maintenance		<b>552</b>	247
Miscellaneous		<u><b>259</b></u>	<u>246</u>
Total expenditure		<b><u>5,168</u></b>	<b><u>2,131</u></b>
Operating Surplus		<b><u>3,176</u></b>	<b><u>1,770</u></b>

The Sandison Hall Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank		<b>10,128</b>	7,004
Cash on deposit		<u><b>5,749</b></u>	<u>5,697</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>6</b>	<b><u>15,877</u></b>	<b><u>12,701</u></b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>			
Opening balance		<b>12,501</b>	10,731

Operating surplus	<u>3,176</u>	<u>1,770</u>
Closing balance	<u>15,677</u>	<u>12,501</u>

### Restricted funds

#### Fund for new regular events start-up costs

Opening balance	200	200
Transfer from General Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

**Total Funds** 15,877 12,701

The accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held in St Fillans on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

A Johnston Brown

Jim Brierley

Treasurer and Trustee

Chairman and Trustee

## The Sandison Hall Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### 1. Rent

Rent was received from the following for their utilisation of the Hall.

	2023	2022
	£	£
St Fillans Scottish Country Dance Club	550	220
Meditation / Yoga	125	60
Other users	<u>1,105</u>	<u>385</u>
Total rents received	<u>1,780</u>	<u>1,215</u>

### 2. Gift Aid

The Gift Aid Recovery received during 2023 was in respect of subscriptions and donations received during 2022. Gift Aid in respect of subscriptions and donations received in 2023 will be collected during Spring 2024.

### 3. Grants

£250 in a grant was received from Perth and Kinross Council. Application has been made for a further grant during the Council year 2023/24.

#### Heat and light

A 3-year contract expired at the end of November 2022. Monthly meter readings were taken during 2023. From 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, standard terms applied, at a significantly higher rate than under the three-year contract. A further 3-year contract on fixed terms was entered into effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and expiring on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

#### Repairs

Repairs include:

1) Fire equipment maintenance	£223
2) Refrigerator Replacement	£244
3) Kitchen Supplies	£46
4) Sundry expenses	<u>£39</u>
	<u>£552</u>

### 4. Assets

The Trust owns the Hall, which stands on rented land. In the opinion of the Trustees, this ownership has no tangible value.

**Chairman's Report:** As you have just heard from Johnston, despite challenging times with inflation and therefore heating costs rising, the Sandison Hall had a successful last year. That has been due to the hard work of the hall committee and the friends of the Sandison Hall who have put on varied and various events over the last year. In particular, the Perthshire Open Studio event held in September was a success as was the recent Ceilidh night and the very successful Tai Chi classes that are run by Alex. I would like to thank those who helped the hall during the last year and in particular, the friends of the Sandison Hall for everything they have done.

On Monday Jim Brierley stepped down as a Hall Trustee. I would like to thank Jim for his 20 plus years of service to the Trust and as Chairman of the Sandison Hall Committee in recent years. Throughout that time Jim helped guide the hall through lots of fun times with the height of the drama group and some not so fun times with the recent pandemic.

For those that are unaware, the hall is run by a committee made up of the Trustees of the Hall of which there are now six, including new Trustees Audrey Gavigan and myself, who joined Johnston, Trish, Russell, and the minister Craig as trustees on Monday. The trustees along with 2 members voted onto the committee by those who pay their yearly membership subscriptions and representatives of the hall users which includes Cathy Moncrieff, on behalf of the country dancing group, make up the group responsible for maintaining and running the hall for villagers.

Looking ahead to 2024, the committee will be implementing working groups operating like we have on the Community Counsel. The first of these groups has been formed to implement WIFI in the hall. Thank you to Tom, Audrey and John who will join with me to get this done. Over the next few months, we will establish other working groups to help with the success of the hall over the coming years. If you are interested in getting involved with this let me know.

Finally, I would like to thank the villagers for their continued support of the Sandison Hall. It is here as an amenity for the village to use and myself and all of the Sandison Hall committee members commit to working with the community to make the best use of it we can.

**Election of new members:** Alex Duncan and Tom Green elected on to the committee. Audrey Gavigan elected on as a Trustee.

**AOB:** A member of the meeting asked if a function was to take place in the hall, would it be possible for the neighbours be informed. This was duly noted and will be actioned.

**Meeting closed at 19:40.**

Trish Forrester

Secretary Sandison Hall Committee