

The Sandison Hall

St Fillans

AGM Minutes Meeting held on

Date 25th February 2022

Committee members present: Jim Brierley (Chair), Johnston Brown (Treasurer), Trish Forrester (Secretary), Russell Cunningham and Pamela McDowell.

Apologies: Cathy and Ian Moncrieff, Geoff Carter, Dave & Lynda Pryde, Lorna Kennelly, Carol Graham and the Rev. Craig Dobney

Minutes of meeting held in February 2021 were taken as read and there was no outstanding matters arising.

Chairman's Report: Jim Brierley presented his report

Good evening and welcome to the 127th Annual general meeting.

Some of you will remember that last year due to the Covid pandemic our A G M was held by Zoom. At that time it was hoped that the hall would soon reopen, sadly that was not to be the case, and it was only quite recently that the restrictions were lifted.

Prior to the first lockdown the hall was being used by The St Fillans Scottish Country Dance Club, St Fillans Music Circle and Pamela's Yoga Group, sadly we have now lost the Music Circle who have decided to relocate, to the revamped Rural Hall in Nurses Lane, Comrie, and so far the Country Dance Club have yet to decide when to resume. Leaving Pamela's Group and the newly formed Table Tennis Club as the only regular users.

The Crazy gang however managed to produce an excellent fancy dress Halloween party, but sadly the Hogmanay party and the Burns Supper had to be cancelled. With the result, that our income, is well down on previous years.

The hall could not survive however without the assistance and input of the trustees and committee members, in particular Johnston our treasurer, Trish our secretary and Russell our hall bookings secretary. We are fortunate, that thanks, mainly to our treasurers good housekeeping, unlike many other village halls we have managed to survive relatively unscathed.

Lastly, during the winter months, following a request from the Community Council, a book exchange 'funded by the community trust' was created at the rear of the hall, and is now open on Saturday mornings for anyone wishing to borrow books, jigsaw puzzles and DVD recordings.

And now that life is getting back to some form of normality, it is hoped that bookings will pick up, and we look forward to a full winter program including the return of old regulars and hopefully new users. Perhaps the crazy gang might be talked into putting on a William McGonagall night? Or someone might like to resurrect the drama group or lunch club, a start up fund is still available for such ventures. No matter what, the hall is here for the use of everyone, so please if you can – make full use of it.

Treasurer's Report: Johnston Brown presented the Treasurer's Report

The accounts have been circulated in advance through the Community Council circulation list and on the Village website. The income and expenditure account and the balance sheet figures are shown on the reverse of the AGM Agenda.

The year's activities have already been described by the Chairman.

The financial position of the Hall improved during 2021 with overall income exceeding expenditure by £73.

They key aspects of the finances as follows:

1. Grants

The usual administration Grant of £250 was received from Perth & Kinross Council and a further £250 was received from Royal Bank of Scotland as compensation for its failures when we submitted a bank mandate update.

Hall Rental

Rental income for 2021 amounted to £1,165 and comprised:

Yoga	£240
Table tennis	£165
Polling Station	£500
Sundry other events	£260

2. Members' subscriptions and donations

Thanks are hereby given to the 96 Villagers who "renewed" their membership of the Hall and for the generous support in the form of additional donations

3. Gift Aid

Gift Aid in respect of 2020. Received in 2021 amounted to £365. Gift Aid fro 2021 has yet to be applied for and wil be done at the start of the next fiscal year in April.

4. Expenses

Expenses were as set out in the accounts. Savings were made on heating and cleaning as the Hall utilisation was restricted by Covid. £217 of the “repairs” was for the annual maintenance of the fire safety equipment. The balance was for minor repairs to the hall.

Miscellaneous costs were the ground rent for the Hall and the cost of refreshments at a Community Council Meeting. These refreshments are reflected in the rental receipts from the Community Council

Cash balances

Cash balances were £5,241 at RBS and £5,690 at Scottish Widows.

AOB: There was no other business

Date and time of next meeting: The next AGM will be held in February 2023

Trish Forrester

Secretary Sandison Hall Committee