

# The Sandison Hall Annual General Meeting 2023

## 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 2022 with overall income exceeding expenditure by £1,770.

The key aspects of the finances are as follows:

### 1. Grants

The usual administration Grant of £250 was not received from Perth & Kinross Council during the year, as they reviewed how all village halls would be considered for an administration grant. Payment of £250 is, however, now being processed for the local authority year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and should be received by the end of March.

### Hall Rental

Rental income for 2022 amounted to £1,215 and comprised:

Yoga	£60 (ceased in January 2022)
Country Dancing	£220 (restarted for the Autumn session)
Polling Station	£550
Sundry other events	£385

### 2. Members' subscriptions and donations

Thanks are hereby given to the 92 Villagers who "renewed" their membership of the Hall and for their generous support in the form of additional donations, overall amounting to £1,520. A donation of £361 was received from the Krazy Gang from their NovemberFest held in the Hall.

### 3. Gift Aid

Gift Aid in respect of 2021 was received in 2022 and amounted to £338. Gift Aid for 2022 has been received in the current year and amounted to £437.

### 4. Expenses

Expenses were as set out in the accounts. Savings were made on heating and cleaning as the Hall utilisation was low and heating was kept as low as possible when the hall was not being used, but frost damage precaution was undertaken. £247 was paid for minor repairs to the hall.

Miscellaneous costs were the ground rent for the Hall and the cost of refreshments at Community Council Meetings, the Hall AGM and new flute glasses for fizz. Council meeting refreshments are reflected in the hall rental receipts from the Community Council.

## Cash balances

Cash balances were £7,004 at RBS and £5,697 at Scottish Widows.

## The Future

As the Chairman stated, 'The Hall needs your support to survive'. We have had benefit in past years from the hall being used as a polling station, and we have steadily increased the charges for this, but there is nothing scheduled for 2023.

We are not immune from the cost of living increases and, in particular, the increase in energy costs. In previous years, we benefitted from a three-year fixed price contract with Scottish Power. This contract expired at the end of November 2022 and we were transferred to the standard variable pricing for businesses. Our unit price rose as follows:

**Day charge from 17.96p per unit to 91.045p per unit a 500% increase.**

**Evening and weekend charges from 15.28p per unit to 72.875p per unit a 477% increase.**

**Standing charge from 38.35p per day to 108.83p per day a 284% increase.**

**Our monthly payment by direct debit increased from £78 to £323 a 414% increase.**

Russell took a series of daily meter readings for the last two weeks in January. Analysing these, we determined that, in the winter period, the daily costs of heating and lighting the hall, with no activity, cost £26.77 before the government discount scheme reduced that to £16.13. We know that the energy discount from Government will reduce from the end of March.

We calculated that the additional costs for the dancers was £30.95 gross, £18.13 net of discount. The additional costs for the Burns Supper were £59.45 gross, £34.83 net and the costs for the Burns Supper clean-up were £30.30 gross and £17.75 net. For 2023 we will receive £25 per session from the dancers which is below the overall costs of just under £35.

The Burns Supper rental of £50 was augmented by a donation of a further £50. This total of £100 just covered the net of discount energy costs of £89.

Our energy usage drops significantly from May through to September, but this is also a period when the hall is only used on an occasional basis.

The options open to the Hall Committee are:

1. Substantially increase the rental costs to users, both regular and occasional, with the risk that this will deter use of the hall
2. Seek further sources of revenue
3. Curtail expenses to only immediate repair requirements, but the scope for savings in this manner is limited as the other major cost is that of the insurance for the hall
4. Close the hall completely

All ideas from the village will be looked at sympathetically.