

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

held on 25th January 2018 in the Committee Room

1. Present: Archie MacGillivray (AMG), Ann MacLean Fleming (AMF), Gilly Dixon Spain (GDS), Sean MacDonald (SM), Roger Dixon Spain (RDS), Anna Stewart (AS), Fieke van Halder (FvH), Kiki MacColl (KK) and Colin MacLean Fleming (CMF).
Apologies: None
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: These were approved as a true record of the meeting of 1st November 2017: Proposed: AS; Seconded: RDS.
3. Matters Arising:
 - a. EPC correspondence – this has been dealt with.
 - b. Leaflets – there has not been a meeting of the leaflet group as yet.
 - c. Website – the Hall's requirements were forwarded to the website group.
 - d. Noticeboard – Sean and Iain MacDonald have put up the noticeboard, so thanks were expressed for this.
 - e. The UV filter has been replaced and a spare has been ordered for future use.
 - f. Fundraising – planks were sold at the craft fair to raise money for the Hall. £130 was raised through this. A quote has been sought from Seahorse for engraving these.
 - g. SCIO – There was further discussion on the way forward with this. Further information was requested by some Directors.

Action: AMF will forward more information to all Directors.

4. Treasurer's Report: A report was presented by the Treasurer. There was a report for all of 2017 and for January 2018 to date. In 2017, there was an income of £10, 890.96 and expenditure of £5, 294.89. Once outstanding expenses were taken into account, there was an overall profit of £1, 059.78. An anonymous donation was received for the Hall and thanks were expressed for this. The current bank balance is £18, 365.33.
5. Events: A request had been received from a Jazz group to hold an event in the Hall in early 2018. There was discussion on this and it was decided that if they wished to hire the Hall, this would be acceptable, but that it would not be suitable as a joint venture with the Hall.
There is a Burns Supper going ahead this weekend. GDS will give this group access to the Hall.

KK said that she and others were interested in booking the Hall for a charity event. FvH will prepare a new events calendar.

New Year Dance feedback – complaints had been received about the standard of the band. They were good musicians but not suitable for a Lismore dance, where people knew how to do the dances. It was thought that it would be better to hire more experienced, traditional bands for the main dances of the year, i.e. the New Year and Sports and Raft Race dances. There was discussion on when the New Year dance should be held. It was suggested that the Sports and Raft Race might contribute to the costs of the dance following this event. AS has spoken to various bands and is awaiting responses for the Sports Day dance. KK suggested that the band for next year's New Year dance should be booked as soon as possible. Quotes will be sought for this. There was discussion on having more dances throughout the summer season and suitable dates for these. It was agreed to hold this on Saturday 22nd September. KK reported that complaints had been received regarding the standard and quantity of the food provided at the Craft Fair. There was discussion on how improvements could be made and how this event will be run in future.

6. AGM preparations: GDS suggested having the AGM following the Lismore Community Transport AGM again. This will be held on Wednesday the 14th of March 2018 at approximately 8pm. 21 days' notice is required for this. There was discussion on how the necessary notification to all members. It was agreed that copies of the necessary documentation would be emailed to those members who have agreed to this, with hard copies available for those who do not have access to email.
7. Any Other Business: KK and FvH arranged to meet regarding the stage renovations.
GDS reported that one of the heaters is broken. A replacement has been bought for this and will be installed shortly.
There was discussion on the Lismore Medical Fund. CMF will contact Beth for further details.

Action: CMF to speak to Beth

8. Date and time of next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 21st February at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm