

AGM Craignure Village Hall and Community centre 10/03/2024**13.00**

Present Sue Morrissy SM, Jen Swift JS, Glenys Berryman GB, Andy Oldacre AO, Jill Muchall JM,
Diana Oldacre DO, Fi Langton FL. Caretaker Pete Morrissy PM

Apologies Karen Adkinson KA.

14 members of the community.

SM welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced the committee members. GM being a new member since the last AGM

Minutes from the 2023 AGM have been available on our website and some copies are available here.
Proposed by DO, seconded JS.

No matters arising.

Chair Report

The hall exists to provide space, facilities and amenities for all local residents and visitors to use and it relies on income from fees and events to cover its costs.

The Hall's usage is increasing, and the Committee wish to ensure the maximum amount of space is available to be used flexibly by the widest possible range of groups.

User Groups

We have regular User Groups & repeat events

New events/users this year have been

- Community Café and Winter Warmer Café which has become a focal point for community members of all ages to get together for a couple of hours in a warm and safe environment.
- Gardening Course
- Archery
- A Family Halloween Fancy Dress Party with some pretty amazing costumes children & adults.
- Two Family Ceilidhs – a Summer Ceilidh and a New Year Ceilidh – with lots of support from the Community & visitors
- Increase on number of Children's Birthday Parties

We have had an enquiry from an organisation to use the hall on a weekly basis for 3 hours per week. If successful this will generate £3k per year

Equipment

With support from the Waterfall Fund & MESS we have invested in new kitchen equipment which was recently favourably tested during an event hosted by Salen Farmers Dinner Dance.

Maintenance Work

We are working hard to improve our facilities as we believe this is key to attracting more users. I am sure you can see the improvements we have made here in the main hall.

A second committee room is now available for use as a meeting room or a venue for small User Groups

We will be investing in blackout blinds in the main hall to provide a more favourable venue

A driving force (2 driving forces really) from Susan Ringwood & Gary Wiltshire our advisers we are researching a way forward with our lighting and heating as part of renewable energy options, involving solar panels, room heating, insulation

Moving forward

We will continue to work towards making the Village Hall a central point for the Community

We continue to work with Craignure Bay Community Group to improve facilities in Craignure, especially the area outside the hall around the Play Park & the car parking area.

- We have lots of support from the community but special thanks must go to

Mike Swift for all the work he has done in the main hall painting & woodworking and also in creating a partition within the two committee rooms.

Café Workers/Bakers - Rhona Duncan - Cath Calder – Annie Hickson – Jane Chauvet – Jean Wilkinson – Gary Wiltshire

Bob Adkinson & Dave Bayley – working to identify issues with the roof & Velux windows

Advice & Support – Susan Ringwood & Gary Wiltshire

Social Media – Helen McWalter

Our Treasurer will now give more detailed information about our finances.

Treasurers Report – 1/2/2023 – 31/1/24

Firstly, we must again thank Sue Morley for all her hard work behind the scenes in preparing invoices & carrying out the bookkeeping for the Craignure Village Hall.

There has been a positive change in the finances of the village hall brought about by our hardworking committee with the support of friends of CVH & the local community.

The turnover has increased greatly rising to over £25,000 including grants compared to just over £7000 in 2022/23. This has been made up of in part by

- Hall Rental – Nearly £8000 has been raised as a result of an increase in hall hire.
- Producers Markets £1,848.90
- Ceilidhs – The CVH in partnership with the Craignure Bay Community Group ran a number of ceilidhs which raised over £2000. Our thanks to Inverlussa Mussels for their generous donation £500 in support of these events.
- Community Café – A new venture for the village hall which has been highly successful in not only raising funds but becoming a vibrant part of community life. During last summer £ 3,131.41 was raised & up to the end of January 2024 another £1,691.17 had been raised from the winter café. In August payments by card machine were introduced & this has proved popular.

The CVH has also been able to secure a number of grants in 2023/24

- Calmac Community Grant £2000
- Mess Grant £495 Used to purchase new fridges
- Waterfall Fund £5,000 which has been earmarked for kitchen renovations

In October CVH had been chosen to be part of the Local Community Fund run by the Co-op. The funding round started on October 22nd 2023 and will run for 12 months. During this time Co-op members will be able to choose the hall as their cause and help us to raise funds. Although not part of the 2023/24 financial year the hall has in the last month received our first payment of £1,302.91 from the fund.

So at the year ending 31st January 2024 CVH had a bank balance of £32,072.15. & a net profit of £6,557.78 for the year 2023/24.

The increase in income has enabled the CVH to set about a number of projects within the hall to upgrade the facilities. The main hall has been decorated and the dividing wall reinstated in the committee room. A new fridge & cooker has been purchased in the kitchen. Plans are in place to totally refurbish the kitchen.

Thank - you to Gary Wiltshire and Susan Ringwood for their help in starting to put together a 5 year development plan for CVH. At present they are working on our behalf on an application to Local Energy Scotland Community Building Fund to secure a grant for alternative sources of heating for the hall. Grant up to 80K.

So in summary, CVH is in a positive position going forward but we need your continued support in coming to events, fund raising etc so that we can secure this building for the future.

Election of committee roles

No one asked to stand down from committee.

Jean Wilkinson has offered to become minute taker, offer accepted.

JS volunteered to become secretary proposed SM seconded GB

SM introduced Rhona Duncan to give a brief talk about Craignure Tapestry

Following craft group involvement with Dundee tapestry it was suggested Craignure produce a tapestry to coincide with 25 years since the building of the new village hall. This will be hung in the hall, everybody is welcome to be involved with making a panel, visitors can be offered a panel kit for a nominal sum of £5 to raise funds for the hall. Possibility of a booklet to accompany the finished tapestry

Gaelic choir having a panel designed by John Archbold.

Bob Adkinson suggested maybe hanging panels on the side walls. JS said hall is looking into acoustic panels which would tie in.

Gordon Muchall GM commented there should be a big unveiling event in 2025.

SM opened the floor for questions

GM asked whether the committee had considered splitting into sub groups for different jobs SM and JS said this would happen, he also asked whether we CVH had worked with other village groups as suggested at the 2023 AGM.

SM responded that CVH had worked successfully with CBCG, had regular dialogue with Liz Gibson but was pleased to see that the church had also had a more successful year and CVH had held a meeting with a new group for the village Craignure Social Improvement Group.

Susan Ringwood congratulated the committee on having a successful 12 months.

SM thanked everyone for the attendance, meeting closed at 14.30.

Teas and coffees served.