

Craignure Village Hall

Registered Charity SC023550

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 15th June 2025 2pm

Present:

Chair - Sue Morrissy SM, Secretary - Jen Swift JS, Glenys Berryman GB,
Caretaker - Pete Morrissy PM, Andy Oldacre AO, Minute Taker - Jean Wilkinson JW

Apologies: Jill Muchall

5 members of the public attended.

1. Welcome – Introduce members. The members were all introduced.
2. Approval of Minutes 2024. Proposed by JS, seconded GB.
3. Matters Arising. No matters arising.
4. Chair's Report SM

Welcome

The village 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 continues to increase, and the Committee wishes to ensure the maximum amount of space is available to be used flexibly by the widest possible range of groups.

We have had a very busy year this year. We have regular User Groups & repeat events. Please see attached.

At the last AGM Rhona Duncan gave a presentation about her vision for a Craignure Tapestry. Lots of people worked very hard on their submissions to the Tapestry and you can see it displayed in the Hall today. Many thanks to Norman Hickson for all his work in ensuring its safe presentation. Also, many thanks to Tracey and Peter for their excellent work producing a fabulous booklet on the Tapestry.

Another event of particular mention was the Gaelic Choir workshop and Ceilidh a full day and evening event which was very well supported with choir members travelling from all over Scotland and the first time it had been held here at Craignure Village Hall.

Equipment

- With support from the Lottery Fund, the Co-op Community Fund & CARES (Community and Renewable Energy Scheme) project we have been able to fundraise to replace the Blackout Blinds, new Heaters & LED Lights and also install Solar panels
- With support from Waterfall Fund we have been able to purchase a new dishwasher (new cooker last year) and with revenue from the Community Café we have been able to purchase a water heater for making hot drinks & a coffee machine
- With the support of MICT and donations from the local community we were able to purchase and install the defibrillator that you can see outside the main entrance to the hall
- We have updated the Emergency 'Running Man' lights

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.

We have worked with Craignure Bay Community Group to remove exterior broken boats, debris & overgrown shrubbery from the area around the play park and opposite the hall. This is an ongoing project.

Decorating exterior will start Monday 16th June by a local tradesman from the community.

The Committee will be decorating the interior of the foyer over the autumn period.

Following a request from a member of the Community we created a disabled parking space at the front of the hall

We will be replacing the emergency fire doors and the front door

We still intend to refurbish the kitchen now we have the necessary permissions to remove the wall to make the kitchen bigger

We also intend to install a noticeboard outside the hall for posters etc

Moving forward

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

- We have lots of support from the community but special thanks must go to
Café Workers/Bakers: - Rhona Duncan - Cath Calder – Annie Hickson — Jean Wilkinson – Gary Wiltshire – Susan Campbell
Dave Bayley – working with our caretaker Pete to identify issues with the roof & Velux windows
Advice & Support & a driving force for us with our funding applications – Susan Ringwood & Gary Wiltshire
Social Media – Helen McWalter

5. Treasurer's Report – JS presented a finance report prepared by SM

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 continues to be a positive change in the finances of the Village Hall brought about by our hardworking committee with the support of friends of Craignure Village Hall & the local community.

- In October 2024 the community raised £1635 of the £1500 needed to purchase and install a Defibrillator
- Hall rental (April 2024 – March 2025) £9500. This was a slight increase on last year
- Producers Markets raised £1798, a slight decrease on last year
- Ceilidhs – We ran a Summer Family Ceilidh & the annual New Year Ceilidh which raised over £1500. This would appear to be a decrease but last year we were fortunate to receive a donation of £500 from Inverlussa Mussels
- Community Café – The café continues to be very successful in not only raising funds but becoming a vibrant part of community life.
During last summer April - September 2024 £3,274 was raised
Over the winter from September to March another £2,466 has been raised. Both showing an increase in revenue
- Tapestry Booklet. Sales £220. About 75 books have been sold and are still on sale.

The CVH has also been able to secure a number of grants in 2024/25

- Local Energy Scotland Community Building Fund to secure a grant of £15,261 for the installation of the solar panels
- Waterfall Fund £5,000 which allowed the purchase of a new cooker and dishwasher. We still have plans to totally refurbish the kitchen.
- Local Community Fund run by the Co-op granted £3232.23
- Lottery grant of £16,794 for provision/Installation of a solar water heater, small room radiators, 8 new wall heaters for main hall and LED lighting

In January 2025 Royal Mail began renting the far Committee Room as their base to sort mail and parcels for delivery in the Craignure catchment area providing the hall with an income of £500 per month (£6k per year)

The increase in income has enabled the CVH to set about a number of projects within the hall to upgrade the facilities.

Many thanks to Gary Wiltshire and Susan Ringwood for all their help in obtaining funding from Local Energy Scotland & the Lottery

In summary, CVH continues to be 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.

At the beginning of May 2025 CVH had a bank balance of £30,827.41

6. Committee Members

Earlier this year Diana Oldacre, a member of the Craignure Village Hall Committee for many, many years resigned and we would like to put on record our thanks to her for all her work for the village hall

Fiona Langton, Treasurer, again a member of the Craignure Village Hall Committee for many, many years, resigned and we would like to put on record our thanks to her for all her work for the village hall

We will also be saying goodbye this week to Jean & Neil Wilkinson who have been supporters of the hall in many ways and we wish them well for the future in their new home

We are always looking for new committee members, hall supporters, bakers and makers in the community café so if you are interested in any of those posts then please feel free to chat to anyone of us after the meeting with any questions you may have

7. Any Other Business

Norman Hickson – Reported on the successful Craignure Community Group Great Pier Clear. Another skip will be coming for the remainder of the rubbish - a small trailer and two or three pieces of shipwrecked boat. There is still money left over from the grant to finish the clear up and to obtain an official No Overnight Parking sign.

Rhona asked if it would be possible to have pontoons at Craignure Old Pier, similar to those at Ulva Ferry or Tobermory. Norman said we could investigate obtaining a grant and also ask local boat owners.

SM thanks everyone for their attendance, meeting closed at 1430.

Hall Users & Events 2024-25

Hall Users

- Tracey's Fitsteps Class
- Tracey's Beginners Tap Dance Class with the regular Tapathon for Children in Need held in November
- Craft Group
- Police Training – annual event
- Tai Chi
- Bowls
- Mull Wildlife Group – Meetings
- Mull Dancers
- U3A
- Mull Music Makers Workshop
- Archery

New Users

- Royal Mail
- Children's Gymnastics – we are especially pleased that more young people are using the village hall
- Yoga
- Home Start
- Lorn Healthy Options

Events

- Tapestry unveiling – Tapestry Booklets on sale today. Many thanks to Tracey & her husband Peter for their excellent work on creating the booklet.
- Gaelic Choir workshop and Ceilidh a full day and evening event which was very well supported
- Summer Ceilidh Treshnish
- New Year Ceilidh new band Fruin
- Craignure Social Improvement Group (CSIG) held a Hogmanay Ceilidh
- CSIG held free Christmas Party for children
- Lochdon Primary School Christmas Play
- Wedding x 2
- Voting for General Election
- Teddy Bear's picnic
- Mull Half Marathon registration
- Lochdon Primary School Fayre

- Community Café – a focal point for community members of all ages to get together for a couple of hours in a warm and safe environment.
- Mull Campus Project – one of the venues across the island to be used
- Producer Markets and Young Person's Market
- Kids pre-school cycle round
- Paul Gibson and Palestine night
- Mull Theatre - Held on the High Wire September 2024
- Potato Day
- Spicy Sprout
- First Aid
- RMT (Rail, Maritime & Transport Union, Scotland) Public Meeting
- Children's Birthday Parties & Run arounds
- Salen Show Dinner Dance
- Mull Stick Makers annual dinner dance
- Band Practice
- Scottish Opera
- Mendelssohn on Mull
- Badminton
- NHS Vaccinations