

Lismore Public Hall

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Minutes of LISMORE PUBLIC HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

held on Thursday 29th September 2022, 7.00pm at the Hall.

1. Register of Members and Directors present.

Laura Savill (LS), Eilidh Willis (EW), Katy Crossan (KC), Jane Hough, Anna Stewart (AS), Dot Hay, Bob Hay, Julian Wormleighton (JW), Carol Wormleighton, Sebastian Tombs (ST), Eva Tombs (ET), Stuart Ross, Andy Hough, Roger Dixon-Spain (RDS), Gilly Dixon-Spain, Jeremy Gilchrist, Archie MacGillivray, Liz Buckle, Noelle Odling, Margo Bell.

Present via video link: - Shona Wright (SW)

2. Apologies.

Michael Hanley (MH), Rachel Crossan Hopkins (RCH).

3. Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on 29th September 2021

Proposed by JW, seconded by LS.

4. Matters Arising from AGM 29th September 2021

- a. Licence for the sale and consumption of alcohol: - it was decided not to pursue this as it was too costly.
- b. Amazon Smile: - this is up and running.
- c. Hall site/land: - no action has been taken.
- d. Medical fund: - this is now empty.
- e. Lumiere DVDs : - they are stored at the hall. There was a discussion of whether they could be made available to the public.

5. Chairperson's Report

This was read out and RDS wanted to acknowledge the excellent job the committee did of the hall floor. (See appendix 1 for full report)

6. Treasurer's Report

This was read out and there followed a discussion regarding future events, how they are run and the costs involved. (See appendix 2 for full report)

7. Approval of 2021 accounts

These were approved by ST and seconded by ET.

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8. Election and resignation of Directors.

Michael Hanley, Kirsty Wright, Anna Stewart (AS), Sean McDonald (SMcD), and Jane Hough (JH) are stepping down. However, AS, SMcD and JH were co-opted back on. LS, SW, RCH, KC to continue. EW had joined the board between AGMs. KW and MH intimated that they no longer wished to serve on the board, they were happy to help run events.

9. AOCB

A point was raised about social media usage in relation to hall events and this has been generally well received.

Appendix 1

Lismore Public Hall - Annual General Meeting 29th September 2022

Chair's report

Thank you to the previous committee for all their hard work.

The new committee along with existing members (AS, SM and ET) was formed on 29/09/2021 and JH was elected Chair.

ET continued on the committee and as Treasurer until the end of the financial year (31st December) when LS took over as Treasurer. EW joined the committee in July.

The new committee took over as lock down was lifting. The Hall was looking a little sad after months of only being used for the GP surgery and for the Covid injections.

The committee embarked on a series of steps to improve the ambiance. A lot of cleaning and washing down surfaces, walls and paintwork, the building is cold and damp. A leaking roof was also repaired.

In November a new phone line and wifi was installed, it was decided that the payphone was no longer necessary.

In December the dishwasher we purchased a dishwasher.

The Autumn saw the resumption of activities such as badminton, bowls, Lismore voices, the art group and Lumiere.

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In December, lock down restrictions were reinstated, and the decision was taken to cancel the New Years Dance.

In January, the restrictions were lifted. The Hall failed it's water test, MH and SM worked very hard to clean out all the tanks, pipes and the well and thankfully it has now passed.

In the spring the committee embarked on a series of renovations.

There is damp and decay, particularly in the downstairs toilets. The trees were cut back as they were overhanging, but the problem is probably due to the state for the roof for which there is no easy answer.

A call was put out on social media for any unwanted paint and thank you to everyone who donated.

The bar area, the waiting room and the back of the stage were all painted and thanks to everyone came along and volunteered to help.

New lights were fitted by Oban Electrical Services who supplied the lights and carried out the work at no cost to the Hall. A massive thanks to 'Hammy' for instigating this.

Activities restarted, including Zumba. Events that have been held over the past few months include an Easter Egg Hunt, plant sale, quiz night, Boogie night, Lismore Dance band, Mary Ann Kennedy, Ceilidh trail and Fellow Pynins and a children's film night.

The Hall purchased a license to permit the playing of recorded music so that anyone who wants to put on any event or activity that involves music can now legally do so.

Before the Summer Dance a decision was taken to invest in a card reader to take contactless payments at events run by the Hall.

The Hall now has a full set of glasses (plastic) including tumblers, wine glasses and long glasses donated by Archie Norman and thanks to AS for her contribution in this.

At the end of August, the floor was treated and revarnished and thank you to committee members and volunteers who all worked extremely hard.

The Hall sign has now been refurbished and is now back on the wall and thanks to Duncan Mclean for his time and trouble.

Isle of Lismore.com, the website is now up to date. Google analytics is now set up so we can monitor the engagement.

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The website receives an average of 100 visitors per day, the vast majority being off the island. The website needs to raise approximately £200 per year to cover the costs of hosting and the domain name and so it is necessary to collect a small fee for businesses advertising on the site.

There are plans to add more content to the site and to make it more interactive.

If anyone has any ideas about what they would like to see on the site, or volunteer to write an article or to help with the running, it would be greatly appreciated.

Or if you see anything that is out of date or incorrect, please email theisleoflismore.com

Going forward.

Volunteers and new members and directors are always welcome and needed.

Several of the committee MH KW, AS SM and JH are standing down and if anyone would like to volunteer to join, they would be very welcome.

AS and SM because they have both served the maximum term and have to take a break, but both would like to serve as co-opted members.

MH and KW are keen stay involved with the Hall but don't wish to stay on the committee. JH is standing down to spend more time on the website would like to serve as co-opted members

The Hall is an old building and costly to run, the only funding is via donations. It exists for the benefit of the community and as such we need the community to use it.

Any ideas for events or activities please speak to a committee member or send us an email or message.

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Appendix 2

Treasurer's Report from Laura Savill on behalf of Eva Tombs-Heirman

Key points to take from the presented Accounts of 2021

Although we look on paper to have made a small profit, this is due to 3 key factors: -

The Doctor's Surgery paid for 2022, in this financial year	£1927
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Argyll and Bute refunded us for Refuse Collections	£210
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And we held a Covid Clinic	£180
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Which totals	£2317
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The above are not sustainable income.

Taking those sums off, gives us a bottom line of	£3162.26
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This would show a loss of	-£1904.62
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Expenditure includes several fixed items including: -

Insurance	£1629
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Electricity (hardly any use this year)	£633
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Accountancy Fees	£363
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Repairs and renewals	£260
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A total of

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