

## **Carron Community Hall Council**

### **First Management Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, 5th December 2024

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Location:** Carron Community Hall

### **Apologies:**

- Marion Sneddon
- Lorraine Plunkett

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

- **Introduction by Chairperson (Linda Wakeley)**  
Linda welcomed the committee members and provided a brief introduction. A quick round of introductions followed.

### **2. Approval of AGM Notes**

- **Review and approval of the notes from the AGM held on 7th November 2024.**  
The notes from the AGM were reviewed and accepted without comment.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- **Update on funding opportunities (Paul's Hill and Berry Burn windfarms) –**  
Presented by Chris Packham
  - Howard will follow up with Paul's Hill for an update.
  - Chris will attempt to make contact with Berry Burn.
- **Discussion on managing the 50/50 draw (previously handled by Jenny McLean) –** Presented by Chris Packham
  - The 50/50 draw tickets are sold for £12 per year, with the proceeds used for monthly prize draws and funding the community council.
  - If no one volunteers to take over, the prize draw will end in 2024.
  - Stella offered to create an informative form for people to sign up. Anyone willing to take over can contact the management team.

- **Review of hall heating replacement investigations** – Presented by Sheena Kalra (reported by Chris Packham)
  - Sheena has contacted several other halls regarding their heating systems and received responses detailing their heating approaches.
  - The recommendation is to contact REAP in Keith for grant opportunities.
  - Other organisations dealing with grants are CARES and TSI Moray.
  - Richard Strathdee visited the hall and recommended gas heating as the cheapest option. There is a gas pipe out front, but it is currently private for the distillery; this will need to be discussed with them.
  - Edinville hall have solar panels, the benefit of £2000 which pays for their electricity.
  - Sheena has handed over communication on this matter to Chris.
- **Update on shelter** – Reported by Marion Sneddon
  - This matter was carried over to the next meeting for further discussion due to Marion's absence.
- **Christmas Carols Event – Catering and other arrangements** – Presented by Howard Kyte
  - Howard proposed organising the Christmas Carols event similarly to last year and requested help with catering (mulled wine, cake, etc.).
  - The suggested date for the event is 22nd December at 7:30 PM. Anyone able to assist should contact Howard.
- **Distillery noise – Any action required?** – Presented by Howard Kyte
  - Howard's neighbour mentioned noise issues, which are likely caused by design choices during the installation.
  - The planning documents for the distillery's extension could not be found.
  - Stuart spoke with the distillery, who confirmed that the noise issue is an anomaly and should be resolved around the New Year.
  - This matter will continue to be monitored.
- **Facebook community page administration** – Presented by Howard Kyte
  - Stella is currently managing the Facebook page and is happy to continue doing so unless someone else would like to take over.

- The committee expressed their appreciation for Stella's work and agreed she should continue.
- **Tree behind shed** – Presented by Howard Kyte
  - Howard has been in touch with Angus Dixon, managing the land for Mr Woodcock, who had forgotten to address the issue during their regular maintenance work.
  - Linda will follow up with Mr. Dixon to ensure this is resolved.
- **Information map repair** – Presented by Howard Kyte
  - The posts for the information map have rotted away. Howard has emailed the responsible individuals at the Council but has not received a response.
  - Stuart confirmed that the ranger is aware of the issue and is dealing with it.
  - This matter will continue to be monitored.

#### **Other Items from AGM:**

- **Update on disabled ramp access and toilet facilities review**
  - There is no new information on the disabled ramp access. Several ideas for improving the toilet facilities were discussed.
  - Chris will begin by taking measurements and proposing a plan for improvements.
  - Sheena mentioned that plans for the ramp access and toilet facilities were drawn up several years ago.
- **Discussion on Imperial cottages' road repairs**
  - Linda explained that previous investigations had revealed the high costs involved in properly rebuilding the road.
  - Aiden's request focuses on funding for filling and maintaining the worst holes.
  - A few years ago, a request for pricing was submitted to the Council, but no response has been received.
  - Paula Prescott will take the lead in forming a working group to address the road repair issue.

#### 4. AOCB (Any Other Competent Business)

- **Open floor for additional matters:**
  - **Sheena** mentioned that the new Stagecoach buses, which are replacing council buses, are not coming to Carron. The committee agreed to compose a letter to the Council.
  - **Linda** highlighted that, in addition to the toilet facilities, the kitchen also needs attention.
  - **Howard** reminded the committee that the roof requires structural repairs due to rusted nails, which have led to recurring issues. The solution would be to re-slate the roof. Chris is looking for someone to provide a quote for installing solar panels as part of the roofing work. This will be followed up at the next meeting.
  - **Stuart** mentioned the MFCHA registration, which needs to be updated. Howard will try to find out how to access the register and will share this with the rest of the management team.
  - **Stuart** inquired about licences for events (e.g., playing music). Howard explained that temporary licences have been used in the past. Stuart noted that the Council offers licences for charities at approximately £160 per annum, which could be a worthwhile investment if more events are planned.
  - Items for the next agenda:
    - Future events to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
    - Windfarm funds.

#### 5. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for **16th January 2025 at 7:30 PM.**