

## **Carron Community Hall Council – Management Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, 29th May 2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Carron Community Hall

**Apologies:** Paula, George, (Sally – unconfirmed)

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

- Meeting opened by Chairperson Linda.
- Linda expressed sadness at the passing of **Marion Sneddon**, acknowledging her contribution to the committee and the community.

### **2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Minutes from the meeting held on **16th January 2025** were **approved without amendment**.

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **a) Hall Heating Replacement – Update from Stuart**

- Stuart summarised findings from REAP, LES, and BES, which led to an energy report.
- **Electrical condition survey** needed, estimated at **£600–£700**.
- Next steps:
  - Engage BES and LES for **interest-free loans and/or grants**.
  - Applications to be submitted by **October 2025**.
  - All suppliers must be **MCS accredited**.

#### **Heating System Comparisons from Other Halls:**

- **Portessie:** Air-to-Air and oil-filled electric heaters.
- **Inchberry:** Underfloor (wet) heating.
- **Rafford:** Radiant infrared panels.

#### **Quotes for Air-to-Air system (regional company):**

- Kitchen: £2,530 ex VAT
- Meeting Room: £3,115 ex VAT
- Main Hall: £7,900 ex VAT
- **Total:** £13,545 ex VAT / £16,254 inc VAT

### **Funding Options Discussed:**

- Paul's Hill Windfarm reserves
- BES + LES
- CARES Community Building Fund (apply before October 2025)
- Berry Burn (apply by **15 Sept 2025**)
- National Lottery (12-week turnaround)
- Robertson Trust
- Dalmunach Distillery (for matching or full funding)

### **Solar Power Considerations:**

- Indicative quote: **£18,198.47 ex VAT / £21,838.17 inc VAT** (includes panels and batteries)
- Noted interdependency between chosen heating and solar solutions.

### **Additional Points:**

- **Gas or Oil heating** to be explored (Aart's request).
- VAT reclaim advice may be available via SCVO.

### **b) Roof Repairs – Update from Stuart**

- Quotes received from three contractors ranging **£29,694 to £53,962 inc VAT**.
- A **fourth contractor** will provide a quote for **solar tile roofing**.
- The local self-employed contractor amended their estimate post-meeting, increasing their total by approx. **£8,000** (new estimate shown in green – see appendix).
- Awaiting visit from **regional roofing firm** (1st June).
- Noted that both **planning permission** and a **building warrant** will be required for solar installations.

### **c) Trees Behind Shed – Linda**

- Issue remains under review.

### **d) Information Map Repair – Howard**

- Map replacement is scheduled for the coming days.

### **e) Imperial Cottages Road Repairs – Aart (in Paula/George's absence)**

- When the cost of planings is confirmed, a **committee vote** will determine funding support from community reserves.

#### 4. New Topics

##### a) Paul's Hill Fund – Accountability and Transparency

- For next meeting

##### b) Facebook Enquiries

- For next meeting

##### c) Community Engagement Proposals – Sheena

- For next meeting

#### 5. AOCB

- Howard confirmed **information panel** replacement will be completed shortly.

#### 6. Closure / Date of Next Meeting

- Meeting formally adjourned by Linda at 8:55 PM.
- Next meeting to be scheduled **once additional roofing quotes are received.**

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#### Actions Summary

##### Short Term

- Proceed with **roof replacement** as the first major priority. (Approved by 7 out of 7 members present)
- Submit application to **Paul's Hill Windfarm** for **£50,000** towards roofing. (Approved by 7 out of 7 members present)
- **Electrical inspection** to be arranged (Stuart) – approved by **6 out of 7** members present.

##### Long Term

- **Chris** to contact gas provider to explore options.
- **Stuart** to obtain **metal roof pricing**.
- Follow-up on **solar tile supplier** and complete remaining roof quotes.