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Director's Meeting

on

Saturday, 6 August 2011 at Fir Chlis from 17:00

Present: Stuart Charlton, Wendy Wright, Sian Curley, Kate McSweeney

Apologies: Helen McQueen, Roddy Houldsworth, John Venters

Chairs Report

Review of Music Festival.

Everyone agreed the music festival was very enjoyable and will be repeated next year. We made about £1000 on games and refreshments. Many of those who took part have volunteered to return next year. We will provisionally think about the same weekend next year, the second weekend in July.

John has been invited to drum for several of the bands who performed.

Review of Summer Markets – Questionnaire Returns

Traders at the summer market recently completed a questionnaire. Replies were 100% positive which is very encouraging. Traders are very happy with their takings at the market.

Discussion took place as to whether Achiltibuie Gardens should be offered a stall at the remaining markets as we do not have a veg trader and we have advertised a Food and Craft Market. We all felt this would be fine as long as they do not sell anything which could be called lunch. Sian will speak to them.

Kate has spoken to the Insight Tour Company and they may be interested in stopping at the market with coaches which would increase customer numbers.

Discussion took place about signs for the market. We need signs with changeable dates. Wendy will ask John Fife about this.

We discussed a cancellation policy and all agreed if a trader cancels 10 or more days before a market we will not charge fee. This will hopefully be enough time to re-let the stall. The possibility of forming a local veg growing cooperative within the village was discussed as several people have expressed interest in growing veg to sell. We need to investigate this further. Wendy will research this.

Grant Update

We have been awarded a Ward Discretionary Grant of £3,500 to enable us to begin the first stage of improvements at the hall.

Leader Funders are to meet with us on 31st August to discuss our application. We will have to match any funding given.

Stuart will sort out a policy for the protection of vulnerable adults and our complaints procedure which both need to be in place.

We will be able to obtain help towards electricity but as yet have not received a bill!

Adult Learning and Winter Activities

Stuart has had a discussion with Chris Brotherton re adult education to bid for this year.

We will try for a sewing group, a body balance class and first aid (we need more first aiders)

We will run Friday for All again.

Auction – confirm cancellation

We all agreed to cancel the October auction.

AGM – suggested date change to 29 October 2011 from 15 October

After discussion this date change was accepted. We decided to combine this with the public meeting to present our plans to improve the building.

Public Meeting – revised dates – see above.

Toddler's Group

Sian will investigate the possibility of expanding the group. The Gaelic toddler group may be reforming and we could suggest Elphin as a venue.

Secretary's Report

The Zumba class would not be viable as Aileen would need to have between 10-15 people participating and the hall is not big enough.

Treasurer's Report

We currently have about £4,000 in the bank account. Sian is working to set up gift aid.

Arrangements for Chicken Day – Kate McSweeney

The following items were discussed

Sian will confirm we can have the Achiltibuie marquee.

Sian will ring the company who put on the display of chicken houses to invite them back.

Art competition – Children to illustrate "Attila the Rooster" story?

Nigel has donated a small marquee. We will use this for the children's games. Kate will organize the children's games.

Quarter page advert in Ullapool News, think about advertising.

Need lots of helpers, ask around.

Chicken competitions – Prettiest chicken, fastest chicken, largest and /or smallest hen's egg.

Ask in adverts to phone in entries before.

Children's competitions – egg and spoon races. Age groups – under5`s, 5-8`s, 8-11`s.

Ask Tesco to donate eggs.

Egg throwing competition.

Raffle – chicken prizes to sort.

Refreshments – tea coffee and cake in hall, pancakes outside in burger bar John made.

Kate will make a list of jobs for everyone.

AOB

We need to have another blitz to clear more space. The small narrow room could be cleared and used for storage. To be arranged.

Sian suggested we investigate the possibility of a film club in the winter. Everyone thought this a good idea.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 27th August at the Alt.

Meeting finished 19.00.

Wendy Wright.