

Minute of the Eassie Nevay & Kirkinch Community Association Annual General Meeting held on Friday 17th November 2017 at Eassie & Nevay Hall.

Present: Philip Jenkins (Chair), Debra Ritchie, David Ritchie, Marianne Jenkins, Andy Blackie, John Hamilton, Fiona Brown, Michael Ryan, Linda Breckenridge, Jim Breckenridge

Apologies: Mary Marshall, George Marshall, Jean Ruffhead, Brian Ruffhead, Jane Brewster, Diane Ryan

1. Welcome and apologies

Philip welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were given.

2. Adoption of minute of AGM held in November 2016

The minute of the previous AGM was approved by the members present.

3. Report by the Chairman

Philip gave an overview of the roles undertaken by the ENKCA Board and others over the past year. He thanked David Ritchie for undertaking the role of Treasurer, John Hamilton for independently examining the accounts and Jane Brewster for co-ordinating events. He expressed gratitude to everyone who had given their time to run events over the past year and mentioned how the August afternoon teas had become popular and encouraged visitors from further afield. Special thanks were given to Alison Ross who had secured the help of many people to help with the teas. The fitness classes continued to attract regular attenders and the community café held on Wednesdays had proved very popular. He thanked everyone who had helped at the annual spring clean.

The Board had re-named the café the Strathview room as it was causing confusion with Scottish Water which was considering charging ENKCA for water as the hall was viewed as a business.

A new web site, computer and printer had been bought with the help of Leader funding.

Philip reported that the Board had undertaken lot of work over the previous 18 months to ensure the hall was kept in pristine condition and new equipment installed. Items had been bought for the Resilience Centre and the hall is now more energy efficient.

Expenditure on the hall was approximately £200 per month. The Board had sought ways to reduce costs: change of bank account to one that did not charge for regular transactions, new telephone and broadband provider and LED lighting.

Philip thanked Gordon Brown for mowing the grass outside the hall, this helped to keep the outside space tidy and was appreciated.

Help is urgently needed with a variety of tasks and everyone in the community is asked to consider what they could do to ease the work-load of the five members of the Board. Help is required to assemble the stage, run the bar, open and close the hall after lets and complete the weekly checks. John Hamilton suggested putting a demonstration of how to operate the boiler onto YouTube.

During the past year the hall has been designated as a resilience centre and now has equipment to help the community in an emergency. There are plans to refurbish Room 1 as a medical treatment room and an application will go to Leader to part-fund this.

Philip informed the meeting that ENKCA needed at least two more Trustees to join the Board.

4. Financial report

John Hamilton handed out a summary of the accounts and a full draft account of the year ending March 2017. ENKCA has a healthy cash balance which had increased by £6000 from the previous year. Last year £22,500 had been set aside as an emergency fund and it cost approximately £11,000 per year to run the hall.

Michael Ryan asked about the heating and lighting costs which had increased from the previous year. Philip informed him that the hopper had to be filled when almost empty. This happened approximately every nine months and some years had two payments and others just one. Each refill cost approximately £1000. The cost of licences had increased but this was due to paying for a three year entertainment licence.

Philip proposed that the accounts be approved and the members present agreed.

Philip thanked David and John for their work on the accounts and accepted their offer to continue in 2018.

5. A.O.C.B.

Philip thanked everyone for attending the A.G.M.