

UEDG Board Meeting

Wednesday 24th October at 6.15pm

Present: Nina Finnigan (Chair), Ken Porter (Vice Chair), Lindsay Reid, Jennie Mills, Bernard Provost, Victoria Long, James King.

Welcome: Nina welcomed our new board member, James King.

Apologies: Adrian Solomon. George Birrell.

Declaration of Interest: none.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: After correcting one mistake, these were proposed as correct by Jennie Mills. This was seconded by Bernard.

Matters Arising:

- It was suggested that we introduce a book to sign the debit card in and out of the building.
- Nina will write an email to the Community Council regarding the funding that had been provided for the Ceilidh. This was supposed to be for a shared event. However, the ESMP Hall Committee were unable to take this forward.

Reports:

Finance: procedures still need to be put in place so that all our bookkeeping 'paper trails' are easy to follow through.

The accounts for the previous month came through 5 mins before the meeting. These showed that we had not yet broken even, but the loss during the last couple of months has been much smaller. We have around £59K in the bank, not including the restricted funds.

Events: Edilberto Restino who lives at Samye Ling, is proposing to do a 10 week course of Tango on a Wednesday night at 7pm. **Nina will** speak to him about the organising, charging and advertising.

Bonfire Night is on Saturday 3rd. (Langholm are having one on Sunday 4th). The Hub are providing food for a group of Bicyclists that day as well as for those wishing to look at the Bonfire and fireworks. We will be advertising the food on offer for the evening.

Other events were discussed and drawn attention to.

Jennie agreed to take posters to display in Lockerbie.

Events Meeting: this will be held on Nov. 5,6 or 7, depending on availability of Angie and Adrian.

Café: Sundays have been quite busy. Pam is happy. Lindsay is now on HR with Nina.

Bar: Nick will be doing some training.

AGENDA

Utilities:

Jayne will make a label to go next to the solar panel switch, which it appears had been turned off. We all thanked Nick for all the work he had done in establishing the reasons we had not been receiving the expected amount from the PV panels. We thanked him also for organising the new tariff for electricity and the phone. There are a number of items that need services and maintenance.

Wood Pellets: Brampton Wood Supplies is one source that could be investigated. Recently some were supplied by Co-operative at Heathhall. We need to make sure that the supplier knows that we need a regular amount of pellets.

Vic will get in touch with Stuart Woodburn to find out how best to set the temperature for the winter.

Grants : list of items needing funding:

- Bike cover: Nina will get in touch with Ernie who may still be interested in making one.
- Frames for the old school pictures.
- Hanging & Lighting for the Hall,

It was suggested by Nina that we apply for shared funding with a number of local communities for a volunteer coordinator ++. Sandra Gallivan is working in Ettrick for their needs, Clare Rogerson is working in Boreland, Nina has a meeting arranged with Langholm Initiative.

Social Club: Adrian had suggested having a Social Club in the Bar area and putting a Pool table (£500) there that can be turned into a table. Everyone was in favour of setting this up.

AGM: No nominations have been received, within or without the time limit. The board is currently full. Victoria & Jennie are standing down and are available to be re-elected.

There was a question of if we could have a Member of the ESMP Hall, extra to the current board members. However, according to the constitution, they would be extra to the full complement, which we already have.

Ken will speak to last year's accounts at the AGM meeting.

Nina will speak on the current accounts and for the need for volunteers.

Members Discount. There was a vote on the use of members discounts. In future only card holders will be allowed the 20% off, on production of the card. The HR group will talk this through with the Staff who must be informed that the discount is only for the card holder. Members must present their card. Staff are told not to offer a discount without the show of a card.

Write this on form: 'Please present your card'. Have a list in the kitchen, for people who are members in case they forget their cards: **Victoria**

Exhibition: Frank had requested to exhibit for the Samaritans for a month. There will not be a financial gain to the Hub. It was decided that this could take place during January or February.

Exemption Certificate for showing films. **Adrian is looking** into getting an Exemption Certificate (from a licence) to show films at the Hub.

Scottish Rural Parliament: This will be meeting in Stranrear on Nov 14 to 16th. **Nina may go to this.**

Date of next meeting. Tuesday 20th November at 6.30.