

The Sandison Hall

St Fillans

Minutes of Sandison Hall AGM

Date 14th February 2025

Committee Members Present: Steve Howell (Chair), Johnston Brown (Treasurer), Trish Forrester (Secretary), Russel Cunningham, Audrey Gavigan and Tom Green.

Apologies: David Gow, Donna Littler, Ruth Graham and Geoff Hardman-Carter.

Minutes of meeting on 16th February 2024: Minutes proposed as a true record by Tom Green and seconded by Richard Graham.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer's Report:

Th extract from the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 have been circulated

1. Hall Rental

Rental income to date for 2024 amounts to £2,874. The major components were £600 from the use of the hall as a polling station, £400 for presentations on wind farms, £250 for the village art show, £250 from the Country Dancers, £100 for use of car park for BBC filming, 10 organised village events and 5 external events. The autumn country dancing fees will appear in the 2025 accounts.

2. Members' subscriptions and donations

Members subscription notices were issued during May via WhatsApp and the CC email circulation and reminders were issued as appropriate throughout the summer. £470 of subscriptions and £1,200 of donations have been received.

Donations received, other than from Villagers, were £115 from Adele's quiz nite, £638 from the "Villagers" newspaper from its surplus funds on its winding up, Friends of Sandison Hall surplus funds £550 and Sale proceeds of a "Cunningham" wood sculpture £100.

The Friends of Sandison Hall have requested that their donation be ring-fenced to cover costs of promoting future Village Events and marketing the Hall. This has therefore been added to the £200 ring-fenced from the Ladies Lunch Club funds held to subsidise future village regular events.

3. Fund Raising

Fund raising from Tai Chi amounts to £703 and £10 from the Rummage sale

4. Grants

£250 administration Grant from P&K has been received, together with £1,550 for the Wifi installation and £1,328 for the Warm Spaces Fund.

5. Expenses

Expenses are as shown. Heating costs are based on the current monthly direct debit which allows for reduced usage over the summer months. Our credit balance with Scottish Power at the end of the year £506 but billing for December to March will reduce this somewhat as electricity usage increase notably during Winter months.

Repairs are the charge from J Halley to test the electricity supply and rectify several faults (£982). Piano tuning (£60) and fire equipment maintenance (£93). A deposit of £400 has been paid for the new front door with an allowance of a further £800 to appear in the 2025 accounts. Miscellaneous repair costs amounted to £17.

£930 has been spent on the wifi equipment, which was installed with help from Stewart Gavigan and John Littler. A monthly rental of £75 is charged by Starlink for the operation of the system. The P&K Grant has been ring-fenced and installation and rental costs are charged against it as incurred.

Sundry expenditure is mainly the refreshment costs for the Community Council, which are recouped from the adjusted rental invoices, together with the cost of a gift to Alex for his fund-raising efforts.

6. Assets

Cash balances were £12,413 at RBS and £5,838 with Scottish Widows. Monies for Burns Supper totalling £2,363 had been received and will be used to meet invoices for that function.

The overall assets of £20,614 are allocated as follows:

General reserves	£15,454
Marketing and event start-up costs	£750
Warm Space fund events	£1,328
Burns Supper	£2,363
Advance rental from Aquilla	£100

Chairman's Report:

The Sandison Hall had a successful 2024. There were over 120 events in the hall during 2024, representing on average an event every 3 days. Highlights from the year include:

- the introduction of Wi-Fi in the hall in response to the wishes of the community • a new front door to the hall
- the successful introduction of the nature events that last year by Aquila Wildlife
- and numerous private and village parties that were held, including the quiz nights and Hogmanay evening
- The Perthshire Open Studios was also once again a great success
- The start of the warm spaces' initiative supported by funds from P&K

For those that are unaware, the hall is run by a committee made up of the Trustees of the Hall of which currently there are six, Audrey Gavigan, Johnston Brown, Trish Forester, Russell Cunningham, Craig the minister and me. The trustees, along with 2 members voted onto the committee by those who pay their yearly membership subscriptions and representatives of the hall users, make up the group responsible for maintaining and running the hall for villagers.

During the last year the group held 4 scheduled meetings and, in the process, set up 4 working groups. The working groups are responsible for:

- Maintenance
- Finance
- Marketing
- Special operations

The working groups are still in their infancy and anyone wanting to help in any of the areas are more than welcome. If you are interested, please get in touch and let us know.

The success of the hall during 2024 has been due to the hard work of the hall committee, the friends of the Sandison Hall and many villagers who have given their time freely and put on the varied and various events during the year. I would like to thank all those who helped

the hall during the last year. In particular, the friends of the Sandison Hall who stepped up following Covid to help bring life back into the hall. The group has now disbanded formally, and we are grateful for all they have done. Thank you. I'd also like to thank Alex who ran a numerous sessions of Tai Chi. Both these activities raised significant funds for the hall so thank you.

Looking ahead to 2025, I would like to see the working groups really make an impact on the running of the hall. So, if you are interested in being part of that, please do get in touch.

Finally, I would like to thank the villagers for their continued support of the Sandison Hall. It is here as an amenity for the village to use and myself and all the Sandison Hall committee members commit to working with the community to make the best use of it we can.

AOB: None

Trish Forrester

Secretary Sandison Hall Committee