

Luss Village Hall Trustees meeting SC015983

Minutes of meeting held 29/10/25 in the small meeting room in the Hall

Present: Nick Voigt, Kay Wilson and Andrew Rankin.

Apologies: Ian MacEachern

1. Hall update 2024/25

Nick updated the Trustees with some of the highlights & key changes in the Hall over the past year, which are as follows:

- We are seeing a lot more local bookings, some of which are arising from the Luss & Arden community consultation exercise by Luss community council & Luss estate in 2022/2023 – events like 18th/60th birthday celebrations, annual Hogmanay party, Pilates on a Wed evening and Coffee & chat on a Monday morning which is a regular seniors social. Both of these are organised by a Luss resident. Also Badminton classes again organised locally, but lately these seem to have paused.
- Also seeing more bookings from slightly wider surrounding areas, for example
 - Helensburgh church have been twice.
 - HLAA (Helensburgh local Artisans association) have been 3x in 2025 after an initial event in 2024.
 - Seeing quite a few well being classes taking place on Sundays – Meditation and mindfulness classes before or after the Saunas/swimming.
- Our regular users continue to be
 - Groups - Luss SWI, LACDT, Community council
 - Individuals like Joe Williamson (outdoor clothing) and Ann Artists
- Joe Williamson is planning to retire in 2026. He has been trying to sell his business and has reduced the number of Hall sales he does around Scotland. Luss is a good earner for him and he continues to come here, Killin and Durness. He has a buyer now and this person has been working with him at recent sales he has done at Luss. It should be noted that Joe has been really good for the Hall, he comes on average 8 weekends a year. Between Joe and the Hall house rental the income from these parties covers our Electricity and Insurance.
- Hall Cleaner – unfortunately Gwen our longstanding cleaner, had to retire due to ill health recently and we have been unable to find a replacement. Elaine made enquiries with a Helensburgh company but they were not interested in the work. Nick & Lindsay are doing this meantime. Kay may have some contacts to try.
- Parking permits – Nick has bought a village parking permit to enable him to come down and do maintenance work without getting booked. Joe Coats has bought his own permit.
- Hall house wall damage in 2024. This was the Tesco lorry which demolished the front wall. This was paid by the transport company contracted to Tesco and cost circa £10,000 to rebuild, without using our insurance, although Nick reported it to NFU and kept them updated. The work was done by Gordon Aitchison, Dumbarton.
- The Hall house boiler had to be replaced between xmas & new year 2023 as it broke down beyond repair. It cost £3025 to buy and £1157 to install by Roscon services.
- In the Hall account there is £17,173.88 in our current account and circa £4,900 dormant in what was our fundraising account. Fiona has been for a while liaising RBS to get this recover and back into use in our current account. This has involved Fiona having to get formal letters from previous treasurers and committee members, as these are the names on RBS records as account holders for that particular account.
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