

Chairperson's Report
Tiumpanhead Community Association
AGM
20/04/26

Good evening,

welcome everyone to our committee's first AGM.

This has been a year that's seen our committee come together to learn how to run a community centre. We're still learning.

From gathering information from the past committee to then updating billing, utility, banking, trustee information and the constitution. Learning about the mandatory checks, Fire and Water checks, putting the bins out, as well as navigating all of the running costs. Having a community centre and grounds that look tired, cold, uninviting, it was certainly a challenge.

Also learning about ourselves, our personalities our differing communication styles, learning how to work together as a team for this community centre?

It's been a roller coaster.

We kicked off our first event 6th September last year. A coffee morning for

McMillan raising £459. The curry night followed, then the craft fair, followed by our senior citizens Christmas lunch. Despite the atrocious weather, our hall was full, 55 attended, alongside some takeaways and deliveries of a delicious lunch. This was a hugely successful, rewarding and enjoyable event. There have also been several other community bookings, the long-standing Young at Heart that book once a month, Grazings and our local cemetery committees as well as some birthday parties. We're delighted to see this community centre being used again.

Following a couple of successful funding applications, Stornoway Trust, and the support of Point & Sandwick Trust, we've started carrying out some minor aesthetic enhancements. This has given a warmer, more welcoming feel to the inside of the building.

We have started developing a relationship with our community, the people and other local organisations. We look forward to strengthening this in the coming year.

These accomplishments reflect the commitment and hard work of everyone involved.

Like many organisations, we face challenges, Financial- we need £8500 to keep this centre open;

Operational -

We are all just volunteers, giving up our free time, learning to work alongside each other, navigating event management & planning.

External factors, all of the regulatory requirements that we are still learning about.

Our financial position is challenging as will be detailed further in the treasurer's report. I'd like to acknowledge the diligence of our treasurer over the past year, navigating and managing the finances and enthusiastic committee members spending.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our committee members and volunteers for their dedication and hard work. Your contributions are vital to the ongoing success.

I would also like to mention someone who gave us support and guidance at the start of our journey.

Alasdair Nicholson MBE, who died suddenly and unexpectedly earlier this year. His death has been a huge loss to so many organisations on this island and beyond.

Looking ahead, our focus will be
: to strengthen our working relationship with each other
: agree and prioritise our direction of travel
: plan for the coming year

Thank you
Angela Jenkins