

Drimnin Village Hall [SCIO SC050259]

Annual General Meeting
6.30pm, 29th September 2021

By Zoom

Present Gill Foulis (Chair), Hugh Morris (Treasurer), Barbara Campbell (Secretary), Patricia Moretti (Trustee), Clare Asquith (Trustee), Mike Foulis (Member).

1. Minutes of the last meeting

This is the first AGM of the Drimnin Village Hall SCIO.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Treasurer's report

For reasons which are explained below, Drimnin Village Hall SCIO has had no bank account in its own name since 3rd July 2020 – the date when it was registered as a charity (number SC 050259) by OSCR (the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator). Drimnin Village Hall Committee, the predecessor of Drimnin Village Hall SCIO, held (and continues to hold) two bank accounts (one current and one deposit, with Santander). It was the intention of the members of Drimnin Village Hall Committee that these two bank accounts would become those of the newly established charity, Drimnin Village Hall SCIO (and be re-named as such). Santander maintains that such a change of name is not possible and that the continued use of the existing bank accounts is incompatible with our new charitable status. Instead, we have been informed that a Treasurer's account is required. However, Santander has been unable to open any new Treasurer's Accounts since August 2020 – whilst they have accepted our continued use of the 'old' bank accounts for the past fifteen months.

We have repeatedly pressed Santander for a resolution of this state of affairs and are currently investigating the possibility of changing to a new bank (the Co-operative Bank).

Consequently, Drimnin Village Hall SCIO has been obliged to run in tandem with Drimnin Village Hall Committee and to continue to use the 'old' bank accounts. The most recent Statement of Accounts relating to these bank accounts is for the year 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020 as presented at the AGM of Drimnin Village Hall Committee on 25/03/2021.

Once a new bank account allows for the possibility of transferring the assets of Drimnin Village Hall Committee to Drimnin Village Hall SCIO, the Committee members will arrange an EGM to confirm the dissolution of the Drimnin Village Hall Committee, to transfer the assets to the new account, and to provide a final set of accounts for the Drimnin Village Hall Committee. It is intended that up-dated accounts for Drimnin

Village Hall SCIO will be presented at the 2022 AGM for the period 03/07/2020 to 31/12/2021.

Thus it should be noted that such income and expenditure as has taken place via a bank account in the past nine months (i.e. since the beginning of 2021) on behalf of Drimnin Village Hall SCIO has been through the previous Santander bank accounts. This includes such grants as have been made to the new SCIO – where they have been held, ‘ring-fenced’, against the time of the new account being opened.

4. Chair’s report to Members

Drimnin Village Hall SCIO (SC050259) was registered on 3rd July 2020. Due to the pandemic there have been no activities in the village hall since then.

In March this year, we were awarded two grants to continue the Hall repair programme. £5,000 each was granted by the Highland Council and by Morvern Community Trust. MCT only pays against invoices incurred. The £5000 from the Highland Council is ringfenced in the Drimnin Village Hall Committee Hall bank account. Contractors have been appointed but work has not yet begun.

We are at present in the process of transferring the lease to the new body. Johnny Bell of the law firm Twin Deer has kindly agreed to do this for us. We are also in the process of opening a new Treasurer’s account for DVH SCIO. Both actions have been delayed by Covid measures. Once achieved we will call an EGM of Drimnin Village Hall Committee to wind it up and transfer the assets to the SCIO.

5. Election of Office Bearers

- **Chair:** Gill Foulis **Proposed:** Barbara Campbell
Seconded: Hugh Morris
 - **Treasurer:** Hugh Morris **Proposed:** Gill Foulis
Seconded: Patricia Moretti
 - **Secretary:** Barbara Campbell **Proposed:** Clare Asquith
Seconded: Hugh Morris
- In accordance with clause 62 of our constitution, Patricia Moretti and Clare Asquith are reelected as Trustees.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Once assets have transferred to the SCIO from DVH, the date of the next AGM will be set; most probably reverting to the March date of previous DVH Annual Meetings.