

WATERNISH COMMUNITY HALL
COMMITTEE MEETING 12TH NOVEMBER 2025

		ACTION
	Present: Judith Hodgkin, Jill Lopez, Colin Woodbridge, Frank Coma	
	Apologies: Cathy Myhill, Maggie Morton, DJ Campbell	
1.	Minutes of Last Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH reported that she had contacted our solicitor regarding the access arrangements for the Community Garden. She is away just now but will take action on her return • JR has provided quotes as requested. It was agreed to accept the quote of £130 for the positioning of the bench above Fasach Woods. JR to communication with Jess Hartwell re positioning and costs to be met from the Community Fund. It was also agreed to accept the quote for replacement of the front fence which is estimated to be around 30 years old. Treated timber to be used. Cost of £1130.61. It was also noted that the roadside weeds would require a strong strim at the same time. 	CW
2.	Chairperson's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Parking. JH to follow up • Christmas Carol event- Date agreed Saturday 20th December SH has agreed to take on the 'entertainment' part of the evening which will include some carols plus a humerus 'playlet' between the singing. To start at 6pm and finish around 7.30 with refreshments afterwards. It was agreed to ask Zoe to provide the refreshments. SH to produce initial publicity which we will circulate • Christmas Raffle: FC has had 2000 tickets printed to ensure we don't run out as happened last year. He will submit the invoice to CW. Ticket sales to be Dunvegan Post Office/Possibly the Community Café in Dunvegan? Skyeskyns (FC to provide crib sheet of instructions) and Possibly Skio? JH to check with Kayti. Online sale arrangements to remain the same. List of prizes to date will be placed on Website. 	JH JH FC FC JH
3.	Secretary's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL reported that she has received a survey from Highland Council regarding the cultural entertainment we offer at the Hall. She has passed this to CM as Entertainments Officer. • The Solar Panels continue to reduce our spending on electricity considerably although it was noted that we were now entering a period with very little sun. They survived two storms with no damage and have required very little weeding. • JL has been approached by a local resident about the possibility of installing a superfast dish washer with the idea that this might encourage more 'soup and pudding' events for example. After discussion the Committee agreed that this would not be one of our current major priorities for a number of reasons: The current machine is less than two years old and has met all requirements to date. Our catchment area and Hall capacity is considerably smaller than Dunvegan's and the current machine is adequate for 	CM

	<p>any events held at the Hall (n.b quick wash only takes 30 minutes) The size was queried - would such a new machine fit into the space occupied by the current one? There is extremely limited room in the kitchen. Any fundraising would be needed to meet current maintenance demands as well as our top priority which is to somehow access additional car parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL listed the number of different activities held at the Hall so far in November: Pickleball and Knit Group (weekly) Church (monthly) Lucky 2B Here (First Aid Training Course) Waternish Wildlife Group SSE consultation meeting Waternish Community Council Waternish Community Garden Whale watching group not to mention the weekly Pop up Cafe. We are delighted that the Hall is being used so much. • JL requested the purchase of two new pickleball bats total cost of £90. This was agreed. • JH asked that we record the fact that any breakdown in Communication with SSE over their hire of the Hall happened at their end. Despite having been provided with all access details as well as location of necessary equipment there was still a problem with them gaining access. 	
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW introduced the preliminary end of year financial report which was discussed. We were pleased to note that although our outgoings were slightly higher than our income this was down to the number of repairs and improvements we have made over the period - all of which have made life better and easier for users of the Hall. It is clear that the solar panels have helped reduce our outgoings on services considerably. • CW is in the process of closing off the books for this financial year and will send them to RB for examination before our final return is made to OSCR. • CW will also make an annual return of our lottery information to Highland Council • We still have quite a substantial sum in our Community Fund and it was agreed that as well as asking Zoe to provide refreshments for the Carol Concert we could consider offering to pay for her to cater a special Thursday Christmas tea party for the Community • CW is still trying to obtain a charitable reduction in our Water bills Despite having completed all the necessary forms he has heard nothing back. After negotiating a very confusing website he has managed to clarify that there appears to be no negative impact from water usage by the Community Garden. • CW is in the process of initiating a security service for all of our online activity information to ensure we are prepared for any planned or unplanned changes in personnel on the Committee. This is called Bitwarden and requires a unique email address and password available to two people. After discussion it was agreed that these should be CW and FC • It was agreed to keep the fee to the Pop-up café the same as originally set as this is proving to be a great success with local residents. 	CW/FC

5.	<p>Forthcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JH reported that the arrangements for the Christmas Fair are going well. There are 12 stall holders including 4 charitable. Price for a table is £10 excluding charities which are not paid. We will provide hot drinks from the kitchen thanks to Janice and Duncan but no food as two of the tables will be providing sweet and savoury bakes. We are encouraging attendees to buy from the table-holders and sit at the 'social tables' as usual. The fair will be open between 11am - 3pm + from 10am for table holders. JH will purchase tea, coffee, milk and oat-milk Set up time for Fair is 4pm on Friday We discussed the notice in the newsletter from Stein Inn announcing a SEALL event there on November 27th. Both FC and JL had written to the SEALL management asking about this and only JL had received a response saying that this is a 'Fringe' event with no charge. We are most annoyed by the fact that SEALL has chosen to bypass Waternish again despite the fact the other events here have been exceptionally well attended. We will discuss this again when CM returns. 	JH
6.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We discussed CM's proposals about the purchase of banners to advertise events at the Hall. As there were a number of issues raised it was agreed to leave a decision until further discussion could be held with CM present. Following on from this JH raised the question of how we could ensure adequate publicity at Fairy Bridge and the main road for the Christmas Fair. This had been raised as an issue at the Tabletop event in February. After discussion FC agreed to place some roadside signs. JL to look in the shed in case any of the banners IW used some time ago remain. CW will acquire some ballons and equipment to inflate them CM's other proposals regarding storage of books and maintenance of the Hall were held over until our next meeting 	<p>CM</p> <p>FC JL CW</p>
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting - no date was set at this time</p>	