

HELENSBURGH FRIENDS OF GUIDING

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.45pm on 31st January 2023 in the Jubilee Hall, John Street, Helensburgh

1. Attendance

Present: Margaret Morrison, Alan Summers, Alison Ringrose Tricia Stewart, Aileen Baird, Lorna Hamilton, Vivien Macpherson, Lynn Murray, Julie Stevenson

Apologies: Andrea McLeod, Rachel Balance, Lynn Sharp, Sara Leigh, Sara Hooper, Clare Thompson, Edna Armstrong

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on November 29th 2022

Minutes accepted with the following amendments/alterations: 1. Fire Assembly point is 19 John Street. 2. The Gates drop bolt housing to be fitted with a pipe which will be slightly higher than the ground in order that debris cannot fill the hole. 3. Grant from Tesco to be pursued.

3. Treasurer

The contract with Scottish Power ends on 31st January 2023. We have been paying £58 per month for the past eighteen months but this will now rise to £102 pm from 1st February 2023. This is based on a Scottish Power estimate of our annual usage of under 2000 KWh for the coming year.

Alan commented that we need to take action to reduce current energy consumption because our usage in 2017 was approx. 5000 KWh. If we get to that level our electricity bill would be around £250 per month.

4. Planning

- a) Further to the Energy report Margaret and Julie Stevenson will discuss the possibility of insulating the halls.
- b) Existing strip lights could be changed to LED tubes to reduce the amount of electricity being used. It appears that the tubes can be changed without amending the fittings. If new fittings are required that should be left until a grant is received, to avoid prejudicing the application.
- c) Lorna reported that we might get a number of pack holidays due to Catterburn being flooded and out of use.
- d) Alan to check if sleepovers are covered under the terms of the insurance policy.
- e) Alison is creating Scratch Cards for fund raising.
- f) Aileen reported new bookings for February 1-4th, 18/19th Cubs Sleepover, 20th Geology afternoon and a Karate club is booked for Friday afternoons.

5. AOCB

None

6. Date of Next Meeting

28th March 2023