

KIRKPATRICK FLEMING AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 2016

Members present:- Colin Brown, Maureen Sharp, Kath Richardson, Michael Buckley

Councillors present:- Denis Male, Craig Peacock, Karen Carruthers

Villagers present:- None

Police present:- None, nothing to report

Apologies:- Stephen Muir, Ewan Fraser

Minutes of last meeting:- Agreed.

Matters arising from those minutes:- None

Chairman's report:-

The Kirkpatrick Fleming website is due to be launched on 10th June. The launch will be in the Victoria Hall and will include the primary School. The next day, 11th June, we will be holding a coffee morning in the hall.

Secretary/Treasurer's report:-

From 1st April to 8th May expenses amounted to £534.78 and income amounted to £304.45. Our current bank balance is £8534.82. At the moment we have user groups in the hall on Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Thursday mornings and Friday mornings – it's good to see the hall being used so much.

Any other business:-

Regarding the coffee morning on 11th June, we are going to buy decorations for the hall, Union Jack bunting to go outside the hall and plates and napkins for use on the day at a total cost of £63. We will clean the hall ready for the event after the Baby Group leave on 9th June.

Maureen raised the issue of water and sewerage rates for the hall. Many village halls have received bills where they were previously exempt. Seemingly this is a result of a change in policy by the Scottish Government. We haven't received a bill yet. Maureen attended a meeting at Stormont Hall, Gretna green on 9th May where Abi Roberts from Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway talks about village hall committees becoming registered charities to claim exemption – something we need to consider.

We have received a letter saying the grass in the closed cemetery will be cut three times this year, that is between April and May, between July and August and between September and October and this will be carried out by the community payback team.

Date and time of next meeting:- Tuesday 13th September at 7pm.