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EILEAN EISDEAL UPDATE NUMBER 6

To all Easdale islanders, members and friends

If you missed number 5 that's because it went out on the internet. (www.easdale.co.uk, operated by peter wright).

AGM

The first AGM was held on 10th October. 19 people attended, which was a pretty poor showing since it included Jean Ainsley our accountant and Shauna Cameron and Paul Keegan, our architects.

The memorandum of association and charitable status of the company, and terms of the lease of the Drill Hall were explained.

Mention was made of generous donations made by Leslie and Alma Wolfson (£100) and Malcolm and Norma Gibson (£200, in memory of Sharon). It was generally agreed that the latter should be put toward something permanent, say a window in the refurbished hall.

Shauna Cameron outlined some provisional ideas for refurbishing the Drill Hall, and it was explained that we planned to skip the tight deadline for SCVO funding on 31st October, and instead put together a good proposal for the next and final round of funding in 6 months time.

It was agreed that the chairman of the Residents Association would be invited to attend meetings of the Directors in order to enhance the flow of information and feedback to and from the Company.

CADISPA

CADISPA is a project based at the University of Strathclyde which examines communities and projects such as ours from an academic and sociological viewpoint, and can also assist us in directing future strategy for the Drill Hall funding and any other projects that the Trust may take up in the future. Geoff Fagan the project manager came to stay on 30th October and we have now officially invited CADISPA to be involved. We feel they have something to offer from their past and ongoing experience of similar projects. They should be able to point us in the direction of any available finance, and also as outside observers help to keep us on track in following our own objectives.

The Drill Hall

We are installing a temporary but wind proof door for upcoming functions and will heat the place with calor gas heaters if necessary.

Forthcoming Events

Now that we have recovered from the September festival and stone skimming championships, get ready for.....

- **Saturday 13th December *Vocal workshop*** by Lynne O'Neill followed in the evening by ***Harvey's Dream***, the acapella group from Seil making their follow-up appearance after the festival. Now is your chance to bring down the hall roof.
- **Sunday 21st December** kids ***Xmas party*** in the restaurant.
- **Tuesday 23rd December** ***Carol Singing*** in the pub.
- **Saturday 27th December, 3 pm** ***Pantomime***. Jack and the beanstalk, by the Easdale Island Players. As if we hadn't had enough pantomimes this year.
- **Saturday 3rd January.** Yes, its the ***Lochwinnoch Carnival Samba Band*** again, together with a top-class ceilidh band, in the hall. It's an experience not to be missed.
- **Saturday 31st January.** ***Burns Night***, continuing in our uniquely offbeat style which the bard himself would doubtless be proud of.
- sometime in **February.** ***Paraig MacNeill***. Watch this space.

Become a member

As an owner or resident you are invited to become a member of the company on payment of a £5 annual fee. Being a member entitles you to vote at meetings, stand for election as a director, have priority for functions and generally have a say in what goes on. All members including directors will have equal voting rights, i.e. one vote. Give me your fiver now! Paid-up members to date are 31 (and that includes Paul who is by now somewhere near the South Pole).

Be a friend of Eilean Eisdeal !

If you know someone who lives somewhere else but is interested in the Island, £5 a year will keep them up to date with news of the Island and its events. They will also be among the first to know about the next concert, art exhibition or ceilidh. Paid up friends to date are 8.

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