

**Evanton Community Trust
Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday 5th September 2023**

Agenda Item	Report / Discussion	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies for Absence Present: Mandy Macleman (MM) Leslie Logan(LL), Michael MacLeod(McL) Gabrielle Buist(GB), Simon Hindson(SH)Deirdre James(DJ) Apologies : None	
2	Approval of the Minutes of 22nd May 2023 Proposed: MMcL Seconded : MM	
3	Matters Arising: Highland Broadband is due to be installed next week Date to be confirmed	
4	DTAS Strategy Day . An interesting and informative day for the participants. Unfortunately many activities were unable to be undertaken due to low numbers of Board members able to attend. It is proposed that some of these activities will be completed at a future date as Audrey Dunn has agreed to return to us when she is next in this area.	
5	Project Updates A)DJH - Hot water tank failed safety testing and system has been turned off. Options are 1) replace existing tank 2) Replace system with hot water heaters _ approx. cost £650 It was agreed to go ahead with option 2 - There is no TMB (thermostatic control valve) for disabled toilet which is needed for safety reasons. TV Siting – the board discussed the most appropriate and safe site for the TV. No agreement was reached but Hall Management Group will discuss further. Hall Management Group Michael reported on the progress with the group. Maureen and Leslie Ann have resigned. We need to encourage more volunteers to the Group. It is hoped to have representation from hall user groups. There is a need to reach out to these groups. A volunteer event is proposed to encourage additional participation. October / November are best months before the Christmas events in the hall get going. It was suggested that the Youth club could be involved. Development Officer's Report GB is sadly coming to the end of her contract. Youth Club. Older group of Youth Club is more manageable now. More money is needed to employ youth workers. The Youth Club is popular and successful and it is important that it is able to continue. An application to the KCC should come through.	MMcL to take forward MMcL to report to Management Committee for further action

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	CALA (care and learning alliance)-have made an initial enquiry re using hall as a nursery environment. We are waiting to hear back from the initial visit. Community Cinema. The initial meeting has taken place . The Group will look at programming and set up on the 12th September. Christmas Fayre – there may be a clash with Christmas Market on the Village Green. Climate Festival – we are member of Highland and Islands Climate Hub . Seeds of Scotland Ardullie event on the 30th September Sharing Shed The shed continues to be well used and popular. There is an issue with rain causing a degree of flooding in the entrance when the weather is windy. It is proposed to construct a canopy over the door to try to mediate this. A local tradesman has been asked to donate his time but materials will have to be paid for. No cost for these as yet. B) Village Green. Volunteers continue to meet to maintain the raised beds. They have asked for money for a shrub to fill an empty space. This was agreed	DJ to liaise with Shed volunteers
6	Treasurer's Report A successor for LL's role has still not been found. We are able to co-opt onto the Board for skills which could meet Treasurer needs . It was suggested to advertise on Facebook. Accounts are still in confusion due to complex nature of the multiple projects. Accounts need to be finalised by year end. MM hopes to support LL in the next few weeks. Financial statements have been circulated to the board covering the period April 2022 to date.	MM to meet with LL
7	A.O.B. No progress on land purchase as there is a delay with our solicitors. Date for AGM need to be set at the next meeting	
8	Date of Next Meeting: To be arranged	