

Craignish Village Hall Committee Meeting

26th March 2025 7:00pm at CVH

As we come to the end of another busy month, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to Rachel and Sarah for their exceptional dedication and hard work. Despite facing personal challenges, they have remained steadfast in their professionalism, ensuring that the hall continues to run smoothly and effectively. Their efforts are deeply appreciated, and I want to remind them that if they ever need support or time, we are here to help.

This month, we had the privilege of hosting the Scottish Opera, which proved to be a tremendous success. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly to myself at the time regarding the food element. Many attendees were thrilled with the idea and have suggested that we consider offering similar experiences at future events. This has certainly been a key highlight and a testament to our ability to innovate and provide something special for our community.

This month we held our first community meeting regarding the 20th anniversary of the hall. It was encouraging to see the enthusiasm and creativity shared by those in attendance, and we will explore the ideas discussed in more detail later in the meeting. It is an exciting milestone for the hall, and I look forward to celebrating it with all of you.

I want to express my gratitude for everyone's ongoing support and dedication. I'd also like to suggest we schedule a quiz night and a spring cleaning session for the building before the season gets too far underway. Additionally, I'm aware that we didn't have any events over Christmas, so it would be great to gather ideas and set dates for an away day or social event.

Bookings

Just over 50 bookings for March, not including Hall 3. We've lost a couple of regular bookings, partly because of the increase in hall rental. We've also got a couple of new regular bookings on a trial basis.

Energy Consumption:

Scottish Power – in Jan our deficit was just over £2,500. Our direct debit went up to £782 per month. Deficit is now showing as approx £1,400 with the next bill due end of April. Consumption for March looks to be lower than previous months, probably as it's warmer and we've done various things to the system to try and reduce how much the heat pump fires up.

I have also discovered that the smart meter does not receive good enough signal, so it is not communicating with Scottish Power and we still need to give manual readings. I was not aware of this until today. This means they've been estimating our consumption, although our last bill in January was based on my meter reading, not an estimated one.

200 Club

The first draw went well, thanks to Jan Brown for helping with the launch event

Fundraising

Suggestions were made and the best options discussed. Laura still plans to hold a quiz night, but it needs to have a license so the date will have to be pushed back a little.

Suggestions made: Car Boot, Karaoke; Auction; Curry Night; A Day at the Races; Hall 3 Bar events/BBQ ; Cocktail masterclass; Darts nights; Eurovision night

20th Anniversary

The meeting on the 18th of March was well attended, with lots of good ideas put forward, such as video memories, treasure hunt, local food producers market. There be a focus on a "Grand Weekend".

A subcommittee will be formed to organise the weekend on 21st-22nd November, and then a Curry Night and Ceilidh on the 28th-30th November.