

SNIPPETS FROM HALL  
MINUTES

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20th July, 1891 The first entry. A Committee chaired by Alex. Lovie approved sketch plans of a new hall prepared by a Mr Ruxton from Aberdeen and informed him to prepare plans and specifications in full.

31st August, 1891 A committee of trustees was set up to manage the hall. Mr Ruxton the architect was told to advertise for offers to do the work on the hall. Plans of the hall would be put into the Commercial Hotel so that members of the public could view them.

22nd September, 1891 Plans were approved.

5th October, 1891 Meeting held to discuss offers for the hall. The lowest were accepted as follows:

		£	s.	d.
Mason work	George Crobett, New Pitsligo	150	0	0
Carpenter work	John Philip, New Aberdour	220	0	0
Slater work	Robert Morrison, Fraserburgh	49	19	0
Plaster work	George Noble, Fraserburgh	31	10	0
Plumber work	William Rennie, Fraserburgh	29	13	0
Painter work	James Stuart, Fraserburgh	17	10	0
		£498	12	0

A Bazaar had been held on the 12th and 13th of August, 1891 to raise money for the hall and £358.00.00.

2nd May, 1892 Committee agreed to let the hall to the Agricultural Association to exhibit dairy produce at their show on 10th August, 1892.

1st August, 1892 Arrangements made for the formal opening.

31st August, 1892 The Hall was formally opened by Lord Aberdeen on the 4th August, 1892. It was noted the Mr A. Lovie had given a clock for the hall. There is also a very detailed statement of accounts:

1. The money raised at a bazaar held on the 4th August, 1892.
2. Money spent on building the hall.

15th November, 1892 It was agreed that the hall be given free of charge to:

The Public Library  
School Board  
Parochial Board  
Agricultural Association  
Horticultural Association  
Ornithologist Association

22nd April, 1893 The Committee resolved to adopt the following rules:

1. No alcoholic drinks allowed in the hall.
2. No dancing without special permission.
3. No drunken person admitted.
4. No smoking - no spitting.

When the rule with regard to smoking was introduced the caretaker resigned.

24th January, 1910 It was noted with great sorrow that Mr Alex. Lovie (Chairman) had died. He left books, pictures and £200 for the erection of a tower and bell on the hall. Plans must be approved by Mr Lovie's trustees.

25th April, 1910 It was agreed to accept the following offers for work to be done on the tower:

Mason Work	Mr Corbett, New Pitsligo	£104
Carpenter work	Mr Philip, New Aberdour	
Slater work	Mr Kerr, Rosehearty	

13th October, 1910 It was agreed the formal opening of the Tower would be on the 2nd January, 1911.

5th October, 1914 It was agreed that in view of the present state of war and the many families whose relatives had fallen in the field the Committee would not grant the use of the Hall for a dance.

5th August, 1919 The Committee accepted the gift of the outer shell of a British mine as a memento of the great war. The mine had broken from its anchorage in the North Sea and drifted on to the beach at New Aberdour. Experts exploded the mine and Mr Johnston the cycle agent bound the shell together, set it on a base and it was placed in the hall grounds.

15th September, 1927 Letter read from Mr Dingwall Fordyce stating that the land behind the hall belonged to the Hall Committee and that it had to be used for a bowling green for the parish.

4th February, 1929 The Hall had housed the Public Library free of charge. It was now handed over to the Aberdeenshire Education Authority.

22nd June, 1933 It was agreed to purchase a piano for the hall.

10th October, 1939 Owing to the war the secretary stated that the hall could only be used if the blackout restrictions were complied with.

14th December, 1943 It was agreed to grant the use of the hall free of charge to the R.A.F. stationed at Windyheads, who were holding a fund raising entertainment on behalf of Miss M. Thomson who had lost all her belongings in a fire.

30th January, 1947 It was agreed to offer Mr Taggart, Manager of the Picture House in Fraserburgh use of the hall on Monday or Tuesday nights to show movies. Enquiries were to be made about having the hall wired for electric lighting.

July, 1949 The Jubilee Sale was organised for the 15th September in order to raise money which was needed for repairs mainly installing lighting and redecoration.

2nd May, 1950 It was agreed to purchase two bar wall electric heaters for the hall.

17th September, 1952 It was agreed to ask John Forsyth to make a donation towards the hall seeing he was using the ground at the north end. Also to erect some respectable fence to hide his poultry and appliances from the public gaze.

23rd August, 1955 Meeting to check progress being made re improvements to hall. Intentions are:

1. The present kitchen becomes the mens lavatory.
2. New ladies cloakroom and new kitchen be built on the opposite side of the entrance.

Sketch plans by Mr Parkinson to be submitted to St. Andrews House.

5th March, 1957 Secretary reported that the new bowling club seemed to be prospering. Home Department require the plans for improving the hall to be drawn up by a qualified architect.

23rd October, 1958 Secretary reported on correspondence with various people regarding the proposed extension to the hall and said it was a long and tedious job.

Education Committee - giving 10%  
District Council -  $\frac{1}{3}$  of cost  
Home Department - still in balance.

30th January, 1959 Offers for work to be done on hall accepted as follows:

		f	s.	d.	
Mason work	Lovie, Cowbog	919	11	5	*
Carpenter work	Bruce & Sons, Fraserburgh	369	15	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Slater work	Scott, Old Deer	163	14	10	
Plaster work	Campbell, Fraserburgh	105	3	2	
Plumber/Electrical	D. Baird, New Pitsligo	314	0	2	
Painter/Glazier	R. Cooper, Peterhead	170	18	9	
		2,043	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Architects Fees		220	0	0	
Kitchen Equipment		120	0	0	
		£2,383	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	

\* Later minutes note that Builder was A. & R. Scott.

2nd November, 1959 Secretary reported that work on hall was nearly finished. Agreed to buy Electric Cupboard for kitchen - £92 from Scott, Aberdeen.

9th October, 1968 It was noted that the new school would cause quite a loss of income.

1st September, 1971 Committee appreciated the re-decorating of the Hall done by the Youth Club. Mr Maitland measured for new curtains.

2nd October, 1975 Letter received from Bowling Club about a Bowling Green on ground at back of hall. The Committee decided they could have it as long as it was required for a bowling green. Should it no longer be used for that purpose it is taken back.

31st March, 1977 Agreed to put new heating into hall £522.30 by Hydro Electric.

16th May, 1983 It was decided to enquire about shutters for the balcony to prevent heat loss.