



Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Community Association

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Minutes of Board Meeting 12th September 2023 2pm

Present: Carol Pritchard (Chair); Thomas Dobner; Lesley Hill; Paul McIntosh; Elaine Minshall; Catherine Thomson; Lynne West; Hilary Wilson. Apologies: Stella Barter. Absent Jackie Buckley, Steven Gray

		Action
1	Minutes of the meeting on July 11 th 2023 were accepted as a true record	
2	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a. Playpark: This is now completed and Safety inspection certificate received. It is proving very popular. Carol is still negotiating the increased insurance for next year for that and other increased activities.</p> <p>b. Toilet Update: There are no current issues. A meeting with H.C. is still to be held to discuss funding. It was agreed we should write to Coach companies at the beginning of next season to seek their help in reducing abuse.</p> <p>c. St. Columba's Well interpretation board: This is now in place and is drawing very positive comments..</p> <p>d. Car Park: Cllr. David Fraser has passed our concerns to Shane Manning, asking him to look again at Invermoriston as a special case. No response as yet</p> <p>e. Path: The GMHCA was not aware of who had laid the path, but it was agreed this was a helpful improvement, enabling use by wheelchairs and prams.</p> <p>f. Animal Crossing Signs: These are now up. We are grateful to Thomas, the two Catherines and Robyn for use of their land and/ or labour.</p> <p>g. Hall displays There was a reminder to send photos to Elaine reflecting current and recent Hall activity (clubs too). Hilary will help her to choose and then mount selected pictures in modern frames</p> <p>h. Storage On September 20th at 2pm volunteers will clear and sort the storage room. Groups will be advised and unclaimed content will be removed.</p>	<p>C.P.</p> <p>EM HW</p>
3.	<p>Report from Assets and Resources sub group:</p> <p>a) Building maintenance: Electrical works to replace the hall lighting and to alter the permanent fan in the toilets are currently agreed and planned. Improvements to the taps and worktops will be looked at.</p> <p>b) Finance: Thomas produced a discussion paper introducing questions on the level of contingency and designated funds we should hold, pricing for Hall use, impact of the FAGCC grant and ring fencing of funding for community projects. It was agreed final decisions on this would be taken at the next meeting.</p> <p>In the meantime it was agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the list of potential maintenance should form the basis of a Designated fund, ➤ a sum should be agreed for unforeseen contingencies, ➤ that we should compare our commercial rates with other local venues ➤ that the FAGCC grant means community groups and events can be subsidised ➤ that for all activities a budget should be agreed in advance and monitored by one lead person ➤ that externally funded projects must be kept separate from general GMHCA funds 	TD
4	<p>Events Sub group: It was agreed Carol would produce a checklist for budgets, who is doing what etc for all events</p> <p>a) Kids Club This will be starting October 27th. Posters have gone out and names are coming forward. Lesley will write a risk assessment for each activity.</p> <p>b) Halloween 28th October.. A silent disco with 100 headphones being experimented, with background music, in the absence of finding a Disco. £5 families, £2 singles. Meat and Potato pie and mushy peas. Barbara from Glenmoriston Arms is working with GMHCA to organise it.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>LH</p>

	c)Family Christmas Party Saturday 16 th December 5pm-10pm ? With presents for children and Secret Santa (up to £10 max) for adults, preferably charity shop or homemade. Childrens Committee/Events Group to arrange	
4.	New Year/Hogmanay. It has not been possible to find a disco and Catherine thought it would be unlikely Sheila Common would still be available. It was agreed this year we would have a New Year Party. Entry ticketed but free, but all to bring food (or make a donation) and drink. Paul will arrange music – send 3+titles of ourfavourite music to him. Those planning to come will let Carol know what food they will bring when they get a ticket.	All/PM
5.	Community Tuesdays Will start October 17 th , 12.00 (lunch 12.30-1pm) until 6.30 (evening meal served at 5.45-6pm). Carol is making upa rota. Lynne to monitor funding, with £300 cash float. Budget is £14,500 for 29 sessions, including resources and activity tutors. Jackie organising booking afternoon activity leaders and speakers.	LW JB
6.	Heritagea)Events Carol has booked talk on Friday 29 th September on topic of River Moriston. Lynne to talk to Cherry about a Bat Walk for 20 th October. b) Lynne reported delay in transfer of land at Columba’s Well to GMHCA. Land registry records show land belonging to Frank and Irene Holt, but deeds show it is Heritage Group’s. Frank recalls it being gifted to GHG and has agreed to sign a letter to that effect, agreeing that the small parcel of land at Columba’s Well should be on the Land Registry as belonging to the Glenmoriston Heritage Group, to be transferred to GMHCA. c) Clare would do an official handover of remaining GHG funds to GMHCA at our A.G.M. (date to be arranged)	LW LW
7	Silver Surfers 3 events had been held so far- 25 attended High Tea at Glenmoriston Arms, 15 Lunch at Invergarry and 15 Boat trip on Loch Ness followed by lunch at the Clansman.Plans are for a tour behind the scenes at Trees for Life late September, a tour of the Lifeboat station and lunch in Drumnadrochit in October, a High Tea and quiz on November 3 rd and a Christmas meal (dates and details to be agreed)	SS sub group
8	Access Rights A letter from Highland Council confirming access rights and conditions was read out. It was agreed that this would be passed to locals known to have a particular interest in access for any group follow up.	Secretary
9	Representative on Community Council It was noted that FAGCC elections would soon take place and that Glenmoriston and Invermoriston have little representation. Carol will follow up on some suggested volunteers (who do not need to be from any local group or association)	CP
10	Noticeboards – agreed these should be kept unlocked and accessible at any time.. A volunteer to remove old or irrelevantnotices and to move Service Adverts to rear would be welcome.	
11	Working name for Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Community Association. It was agreed this would be shortened to the Community Association in non-official communication.	
11	A.O.B. a) Skip will be repeated end of October b) Peter Pan link to be made more of if possible. Should we work with Fort Augustus Heritage Group to establish an Information,exhibition space for our joint area? Carol and Lynne to discuss with links in F.A. c) Issues of resilience to be on next agenda, after talk with Scottish Water on 15 th September.	LW
14	Date & Time for next meeting: 27th October at 7.00 pm.	ALL