



Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Community Association

A charity registered in Scotland (SC051089) constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Minutes of Meeting 19th February 2024

1. **Present:** Carol Pritchard (Chair); Stella Barter; Jackie Buckley; Thomas Dobner; Rachel Hayes; Lesley Hill; Catherine Thomson; Lynne West; Hilary Wilson.

Absent: Steven Gray

2. **Minutes** of meeting on 14th December. These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising** were:

a) Hall displays. Lesley has had few photos, especially from groups. These would be chased and Lesley will look into display styles.

b) Storage. The filing cabinet has been cleared, leaving room for new storage. Documents relating to the building are kept in file for easy access. It was suggested that items such as old photos of historical interest could be displayed.

c) Community Tuesdays. This week Trees for Life will host a lunch, 11.00-15.00. Following that the sub group will review whether it should be repeated. FAGCC will be informed of the situation and funds returned if we cut short this season.

d) Hogmanay Event. 120 tickets had been allocated and the overwhelming reaction was very positive so it was agreed we would do a similar party next year, with mini bus transport, bring your own food and drink, and music. It was agreed the numbers made children's games impractical so that would not be repeated, nor balloons. The fireworks had raised objections, but it was stressed that these were brought by visitors and were not part of the GMHCA plan (but would be discouraged next year).

e) It was agreed that no co-options on to the Board were required at present.

f). The application for a feasibility Study into renewables and energy saving measures had been successful in granting a £4725 award. This, however, does not cover the full cost of £5437.70 plus VAT. This item is deferred until after the Resilience meeting with FAGCC.

4. **Finance report.** Thomas reported on designated funds: Community Tuesdays remaining funds are £8665.36 ; Silver Surfers remaining funds are £3184 ; Heritage group has £1302.94 ; Children's Committee still to be ratified, but £100 from FAGCC for Christmas party will be returned; £420.03 in Kids Club ; GIG has £13200, including £1200 for Grass cutting and £100 Incredible Edibles. It was agreed some of the GIG funds would be for a summer barbecue/activities event for older youngsters (to be referred to the Events sug group.)

5. **Assets and Resources.** Main issue with the Septic tank has diverted attention, but it was agreed the hall floor needs attention. Catherine agreed to investigate which company had done this previously. Toilet upgrades are still pending.

6. **Request for approval and support for SMART TV.** Linzie is preparing an application to FAGCC for funding for a large TV, Sound bar and accessories for use by a new Line Dancing group. It was agreed that this would be supported, with additional funds of £543.93 from GIG.

7. **Planned Events.** Carol reported that so far a Halloween party, Hogmanay gathering, Budapest Orchestra in September and summer barbecue are planned

8. **St Columba's Well** Lynne reported that the damage to the platform had been repaired. It was agreed the cost of £381.92 would be paid from the Heritage group funds. (Note : Lynne has circulated an email about a proposal to apply for a Heritage officer)

9. **Traffic** Catherine asked for feedback from the Highland Council on:

a) the traffic speed and pedestrian count they carried out b) on how much was raised and would be given back to the community from car park charges. c) progress on reducing the speed limit in Invermoriston. These would be referred to the Community Council through our representatives. Rachel reported that work is planned opposite Redburn to stop parking there.

10 **Septic tank /flooding.** Derek, Matt and Kelvin joined and were thanked for their work in monitoring and investigating this. Hi Serve have been appointed to carry out an independent investigation into the cause of the problem and make a report. (This is taking place on Friday 23rd Feb.) Insurers have been informed and will work from the Hi Serve report. It was agreed that clubs/hall use would resume with minimal use of one toilet in the ladies, disabled toilet only for use by people with a disability and no kitchen use.

Derek reported that as the water table had fallen a little, there was capacity in the tank for minimal use. They believe the only logical cause of the problem is a defect in the tank, only producing a problem this year as the soakaway became saturated because of exceptional weather. The pump had stopped working so was turned off. There is ground water flowing, but this is not from the septic tank but from the gutters/roof soakaway, so is not contaminated and not a cause for concern. The soakaway is a French drain model, suitable for the location. Carol said the cost of the installation in 2021/22 was about £43,000, most of which is labour, so Hall reserves would have to be retained until we know the outcome. It was agreed the repair/ replacement should have two pumps as in the original design and that the failure warning light should be visible.

8. Next meeting Monday 15th April at 7pm.

