



Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Community Association

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Minutes of Meeting 13th June 2024

1. **Present:** Carol Pritchard (Chair); Stella Barter; Thomas Dobner; Catherine Thomson; Lynne West; Hilary Wilson.

Apologies: Jackie Buckley, Rachel Hill

Absent: Steven Gray

2. **Minutes** of meeting on 23rd April. These were accepted as a true record, with typos identified for correction..

3. **Matters arising** were:

a) Hall displays. Lesley would be asked if she would continue to work on the hall displays. The new frames were liked and it was agreed the cost of producing 7"x5" photos would be covered.

b). Energy:

(i) The feasibility study into renewables as alternative sources of power (hydro, air source, wind, solar), which had received a £4725 award, will begin with a site visit at 10.30 Wednesday 19th June. Lynne, Kelvin and possibly Thomas will attend.

(ii) A further 'Resilience' meeting is being convened by FAGCC on 11th July. In preparation a pre meeting was set up for Tuesday 2 July at 2pm (Carol, Lynne, Thomas, Kelvin)

(iii) We are waiting for the report from Business Energy Scotland re energy saving measures.

c) Cooker upgrade. It was agreed Stella, Hilary and Jean would visit Invergarry as the first stage in progressing an upgrade to a commercial cooker.

d). Catherine would speak to Cherry about the removal of the old bowls mat and roller.

e) Give and Take larder. FAGCC reluctant to fund an upgrade. Thomas agreed to see if a repair to the door will extend the life of the present one while we consider storage longer term (post Septic tank solution)

4. **Finance report.** Thomas reported that the £15,000 grant from FAGCC has come in and general funds are up on last year, currently £60,487 including money set aside for toilets upgrade. Designated/resstricted funds: Community Tuesdays remaining funds are £8523 (£3600 of which is to be kept towards next season, remainder for

cooker upgrade) ; Silver Surfers remaining funds are £2733 ; Heritage group has £1375; £321 in the Out of School Kids Club; £4725 Renewables Feasibility study.

5. Assets and Resources.

(i) A revised quote has been received from Munro for partial sanding and relacquering the floor, at £1800 inc. V.A.T. It was agreed we would ask for this to be done between a Wednesday- Sunday.

(ii) Agreed we would pay to link the Fire Alarms to broadband as well as phone at a cost of about £250 plus VAT.

(iii) It was clarified that Thomas is Chair of this committee. He will keep Graham informed of decisions.

6. Silver Surfers.

A trip to Cawdor Castle is arranged for Tuesday 25th June. Charge £20 for entry, meal at Cawdor Castle and bus. Suggestions for Autumn events were made: High tea at Glengarry Castle, Atterdale Gardens and a visit to the RNLI Lifeboat station with tea at Cobbs, Waverley steam ship.

7. Heritage Group.

A summer recess was agreed. Next season's events may include a Bat Walk, World War 2, Eels, Nature Scot, Antarctica. The application for a 3 year post of Heritage and Gaelic Development Officer to work in Glenmoriston, Fort Augustus and Trees for Life has been accepted by Beinneun/Foundation Scotland. A reconsideration by FAGCC was to be requested, but it was agreed that contributions of £500 from the 3 community groups and GIG could be used to make up the shortfall if FAGCC refused to contribute. No approach had yet been made to Ian Chalmers about a carving at Columba's Well.

8. Events.

It was agreed the Budapest Orchestra in September will be able to go ahead in the Hall. Jackie would be asked to convene the Events group to plan a summer barbecue and games on the recreation field, with a fixed budget. Lynne will contact Chris Nelson about a live music dance.

9. Community consultation.

Nick Wright had organised a meeting on Saturday 8th June to feed in to the FAGCC Council's Place Plan and FAGCC Company's 5 year plan. Suggestions would also feed in to decisions on GIG spending. It was agreed that we would ask the Highland Council what they will do with donations from the Car Park and to consider repairs to its pot holes and brown tourist sign for village amenities BEFORE the entry to the village. Some suggestions had been made that the playground be fenced, but the majority of local parents prefer it open. Traffic speeds, Access, the state of the land and BT building by the Hall and Dentist services were the most common concerns expressed.

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10. **Caretaker duties.**

A list was circulated and accepted (with some post meeting additions by Thomas). It was agreed that further consideration to a Hive-type of heating control system should be made. We would ask Kelvin for input. Meanwhile, different groups need different temperatures and this should be reflected along with bookings. Carol will speak to Graham.

11. **Septic tank .**

Thomas reported that Highland Septic Tank Services had visited. They will quote for the work and could do it in the short term, but it will require modifications to the system to meet current regulations on distance from the building, therefore is likely to cost over £100,000.

12. **Board Membership**

It was noted that Lesley Hill has resigned from the committee. She will be missed and was thanked for the contribution she has made. It was also noted that Steven Grey is not able to attend most meetings, yet his membership is preventing the licence to use land from being agreed. We are getting low on active members. It was agreed that the Secretary write to Lesley and email Steven, and also that co-options should be considered.

13. **Next meeting** Wednesday 31st July at 7.00 p.m.