



Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Community Association

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Minutes of Meeting 8th October 2024

1. **Present:** Carol Pritchard (Chair); Stella Barter; Jackie Buckley; Thomas Dobner; Barbara MacLeod; Lynne West; Hilary Wilson.
Apologies: Rachel Hayes, Catherine Thomson
2. **Minutes** of meeting on 6th August. These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Welcome** Barbara was welcomed to her first meeting and members were introduced with a little of the GMHCA's recent activities.
4. **Matters arising** were:
 - a) Hall displays. Activity on new photos of current Hall activities was deferred. Jackie will work with Derek on the decision that the old display recording the re-building of the hall would be moved to the foyer, with some tidying of the foyer area
 - b) Reducing energy consumption: Kelvin is currently obtaining 2 quotes and will request inclusion of battery packs in the BES report.
 - c) Alternative energy feasibility report: this had shown there is no easy alternative given the location of the hall. Lynne would send the grant final report to indicate there are no cost effective alternative options.
 - d) Commercial Cooker Upgrade. This is still pending. It was confirmed we want a single oven, dual fuel, to fit into the existing space.
 - e) Cllr. David Fraser has replied to Lynne's request for more information on income from the car park and progress on lowering the speed limit in Invermoriston. £3313 has been raised so far and will be allocated by Ward Councillors. Mechanisms to involve communities in what it is used for are still to be decided. Transport Scotland have not yet replied to his request for a speed limit review. The next FAGC Council meeting is in the hall on 27th October if anyone wants to attend to lobby.
5. **Finance report.** Thomas reported that general funds are currently £56,546.75 with £11,353.80 set aside for toilets upgrade. Some of this may be needed for work on the completion report for building standards following the installation of the new septic tank.
Designated/restricted funds: Community Tuesdays remaining funds are £8151.58 (£3600 of which is to be kept towards next season and the remainder for cooker upgrade); Silver Surfers remaining funds are £2107.57; Heritage group has £1375; £253.17 in the Out of School Kids Club). The funds have now been received for the Heritage and Gaelic post, most of which will be passed to Trees for Life for the salary. The balance of about £3000 for the renewables report will be paid now the report has been submitted.

The end of year accounts had been confirmed by the auditor, which means the approved accounts will be ready for the A.G.M. There was agreement that some of the non designated funds would be placed in an interest bearing savings account.

6. Report from Assets and Resources

- a) Septic Tank. This is now in and working, paid for by a grant from Community Foundation. There is still a cost to the hall in obtaining a completion report. (It was agreed Derek would be asked to help obtain this.) It transpires that no completion report had been produced by the earlier Hall Committee when the last tank was installed. Letters to the previous contractors are requesting compensation. This may be supported by our insurers to theirs. If any refund/compensation is received, C.F. will not ask for this to be returned to them, so it was agreed some compensatory payment would be given to local businesses who had suffered during the toilet closures.
- b) Internal toilet upgrades. A quotation from John is pending.
- c) It was suggested cleaning should increase to weekly, given the increase in use. Clubs/users should be expected to make sure they clean up after themselves.

7. Silver Surfers.

The trip to Fort George in September had been a success, despite foul weather. A November meal at Whitebridge is being planned. A Waverley steam shiptrip in May will be requested by Lynne. Glen Rowan have been asked again for a Festive season dinner in January. Funds are running low, so a request for more will be made to FAGCC for the coming year.

8. Heritage Group.

AnEels talk by Chris Daphne is arranged for 3.30p.m. on Saturday 19th October. Lynne is trying to contact Ian Chalmers about a carving at St. Columba's Well and a replacement to the top border, mentioning that Columba was the start of the Loch Ness monster legend. The Heritage and Gaelic Officer post has aroused some interest and it was hoped TfL would advertise it soon.

9. Public Entertainment Licence

This has finally been renewed after an extensive and more difficult process, for which a Risk Assessment and Health and safety policy had to be produced by Carol. Conditions of the licence include: no bouncy castle, no fireworks, no hypnotism without prior approval, no fireworks, no lights to interfere with aircraft or traffic. They also require annual Gas appliance and PAT testing, fire and risk assessments.

10. Events.

- a) The summer barbecue and games on the recreation field on Sunday 11th August was well attended. Thanks to Jackie for organising that. It was noted June 9th is St Columba's day- may be a day to use for local events in future.

b) Instead of Halloween, which is heavily booked, a silent disco family party will be organised for 9th November. £250 budget from GIG was agreed. (Theme: Chicken or Chaos!)

c) Hogmanay party will be free again. Lesley will be asked to help with Ticket Master bookings. Stella will organise the bringing of food (no official outside catering and no GMHCA cooking to be involved)

11. GIG funds.

There is currently £12,000 un-designated in GIG funds, with a potential offer of a further £8,000 from Trees for Life. It was agreed we should ask the community for priorities for spending, along with any car parking income. Ideas from the Board include upgrade of the Information board in the car park, roadside Village amenity signs to direct visitors to the car park, new Christmas lights, bins for the picnic area, extra playground equipment (including adult exercise) for the recreation field, large canvas gazebo, steps and rope handrail up to the playground, sculpture.....

It was agreed that Lynne would prepare the GIG accounts for audit in time for the A.G.M.

12. Community Tuesdays. It was hoped FAGCC funding would be agreed in time for a restart on 29th October. A planning meeting has been held to agree a rota of volunteers.

13. Annual General Meeting. Agreed this would be Saturday 18th January at 3.30 following Craft club.

14. Next meeting. Thursday 28th November at 2p.m.