

**Glenmoriston Millennium Hall**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Present :** Norman Hill, Cherry Duncan, Clare Levings, Errol Levings, Alan Draper, Betty Draper, Trish Archibald, Heather Smart  
7 members of the public were also in attendance.

Norman Hill, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Apologies :** Margaret Allen, Duncan & Judy Poore, Pat & Val Ungless, Pat Haynes, Hugh Watt

**2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**

Proposed by Errol Levings, seconded by Betty Draper.  
Norman Hill then signed the file copy of the minutes.

**3. Matters Arising**

- (i) Curtain cleaning – main hall curtains have still not been cleaned, neither have the meeting room curtains. Arrangements will be made to have them dry cleaned and this will be put on the agenda for the next hall meeting. Kitchen curtains have been washed.
- (ii) Gates at the back of the hall not yet erected – Errol said that materials were available.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Norman gave a report on the committee's activities - copy of report attached, brief summary given below.

He explained that he became chair in November 2006, and that it had been a busy and successful year. He thanked the committee members. The Hall committee had met on 7 occasions, and there had also been sub-committee meetings for GLEN and the Health & Safety group. He gave a special mention of thanks to Pat Ungless (Treasurer), Cherry Duncan (Booking Secretary), and Clare Levings (GLEN chair) for all their additional hard work. When the hall cleaner had resigned, Trish Archibald had organised a rota of volunteers to clean the hall, with the monies being donated to the Children's Committee and the Senior Citizens group. There had been a lot of additional work this year to check that the deeds of trust complied with requirements, and there would be continuing work to develop a Financial Policy, and to meet ever changing Health & Safety requirements. Pat Tate, Minute Secretary, and Pat Haynes, Dalchreichart representative, had tendered their resignation from the committee.

**5. Secretary's Report**

Cherry gave a report on the year's activities – see attached copy of report, brief summary given below.

6 regular groups were still using the hall (Bowls, Badminton, Scottish Country Dancing, Heritage, Ceilidh Dancing, Drumnadrochit Church). Various commercial groups had hired the hall (NHS Highland, Forestry Commission, Highland Council, Great Glen Way, & Outdoor Clothing), with the NHS being the most regular commercial hirer. There are already several bookings for functions for next year. Good profits are made from catering

at commercial lets, which would not be possible without the help of the many volunteers, whom Cherry thanked. Lite Bites had raised £2378 this year, which was less than last year, but the Senior Citizens had also used 3 days to raise funds for their activities.

## **6. Caretaker's Report**

Errol gave a report on the caretaking – see attached report, brief summary given below. All annual inspections have been carried out (fire alarm, emergency lighting, boilers, gas cooker, & fire extinguishers). Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) has also been carried out in November & appropriate certification issued.

A problem with the sewage system has been resolved by replacing the pump float switches.

Lighting problems will be dealt with in December when the electricians will replace all the fluorescent tubes, rectify the fault in the circuit, and rectify faults in external security lights.

The boiler in the toilets has had a valve replaced, but it is an old boiler and parts are difficult to source, will likely need replacing.

Fire Risk Analysis has been carried out which has identified some actions required.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Norman read out the treasurer's report on behalf of Pat Ungless – see attached report, brief summary given below.

Hall Funds stand at £4288 in the current account, £31,566 in the 30 day account, & £99 in cash. As these figures are favourable the committee decided not to charge resident clubs for the hire of the hall for the quarter to 31/12/07.

Income is mainly from Lite Bites & Catering, Commercial Hires, Entertainment events, and Local User Groups. Costs for utilities, repairs & maintenance were all lower this year than last. Decorative skirting for the stage (£393) & new builders steps were purchased (£136).

## **8. GLEN Report (Glenmoriston Local Entertainment Network)**

Clare said that they had held 5 events this year, as the planned jazz night unfortunately had to be cancelled. Events held were Essential Opera in February, BLAS music event in September, Fun Day in September, Craft Fayre in November, and the St Andrew's night ceilidh in November, all of which were very successful. They are actively looking for new members to join them and are beginning to look at possible events for next year.

## **9. Clubs**

### **(i) Badminton**

Heather reported that the club had restarted in October with numbers ranging from 4-8, slightly less than last year. Held on Tuesdays, 8-10p.m., with doubles usually being played. Club is financially very sound, with approx. £600 in the bank - this is due to previous fundraising efforts, and the donations from the hogmanay party organised by Sandy, Trish & Willie. The club has also provided the drinks licence for a number of events this year (a birthday party, a live music event by 90mph, & the hogmanay party).

## **(ii) Bowls**

Betty reported that membership is currently 26, but they would welcome new members. Meet on Mondays, October to April, 2-4p.m. and 7.30-9.30p.m. Mixed ages play and it is very much a social meeting. The club has several sets of bowls so no need to buy any, all that's needed are flat soled shoes, or bedroom slippers, and the first visit is free. Club is hoping to arrange a friendly match with Invergarry who have recently formed a club.

## **(iii) Scottish Country Dancing**

Cherry reported that membership was 23, with attendances of 15-17 most weeks, ranging from learners to the more experienced. The dances held in April, the "Country Dance" with music by Marion Anderson and the "Ceilidh Dance" with music by Alan Gardiner both attracted 88 dancers.

The "Ceilidh Dancing" classes with Sheila Peters attract 20-25 dancers, coming from Invergarry to Nairn

## **(iv) Heritage**

Cherry reported that they had held several "talks" this year. Cathy Fforde on Bonnie Dundee, Tony Harmsworth on Loch Ness, Pauline Anderson of the Inverness Astronomical Society on "A Brief Guide to the Solar System", and Aonghas Grant, the legendary Lochaber fiddle player, on "Tales & Music from Glenmoriston". These last 2 attracted an audience in excess of 50, so the main hall had to be used. More events are planned, including a "Talk & Walk" with Katy Martin in April. The group also helped with the very successful "Vikings day" held in October.

## **10. Election of office-bearers**

The majority of Hall committee office-bearers and committee members were willing to continue in their roles, with a couple of new nominations being made. Some positions are still vacant.

Chairperson – Norman Hill - Errol said he had made an excellent job of chairing meetings.

Vice-chairperson – still vacant

Booking Secretary – Cherry Duncan

Treasurer – Pat Ungless

Minute Secretary – still vacant

Loch Ness Gun Club representative – David Gillies (proposed by Norman Hill, seconded by Alan Draper)

Scottish Dance representative – Barbara Withers has been nominated

Children's Committee representative – Kirsteen Mackenzie has been nominated

Dalchreichart representative – still vacant, some suggestions were made.

Bowls Club representative – Betty Draper is resigning, a replacement will be nominated.

GLEN representative – Clare Levings

Senior Citizen's representative – Alan Draper

Badminton Club representative – Heather Smart

Caretaker – Errol Levings

Committee Member – Trish Archibald

**11. A.O.B.**

(i) David & Sylvia Andrews raised the point that the AGM was not advertised on the noticeboard at Dalchreichart – the chairman said that this would be rectified in the future. Clare Levings advised that posters for GLEN events were taken to Dalchreichart by the post van.

(ii) David Andrews suggested that club representatives could perhaps only be requested to turn up at committee meetings if there was an agenda item of particular interest to that club. Norman pointed out that most representatives had a wider input to the committee than just the group they represented.

(iii) David Andrews suggested that the hall committee should consider a couple of ways of engaging with the community – sending flyers out to every house to see if they would be willing to volunteer in any way, and each club either creating or updating an information sheet of their activities. Alan Draper pointed out that it can be difficult to generate interest – the community company were trying to get people to show interest but response was limited, also, the level of response to the Senior Citizens event was not as high as might be hoped, particularly where this involved an evening of free entertainment. Clare Levings said she sent out flyers asking for volunteers with Lite Bites, but this produced a minimal response, and she generally felt that the personal touch worked best. It was suggested that perhaps there could be a welcoming group to explain what goes on in the community and to encourage participation in some form or another. David Andrews said that Moriston Matters had increased sales of 140 copies this time, and that they had sold out.

(iv) David Andrews thanked the committee on behalf of the Bowls club for allowing the shelves to be erected in the cupboard.

(v) David Andrews asked whether the committee had formally considered requesting money from the company dealing with the funds from the windfarm development. Alan Draper felt it was a bit early to be doing this, as the company was not yet up and running, and the directors were still to be appointed. Significant sums of money will be coming in for the next 25 years.

(vi) Cherry Duncan said it had been a while since the Hall Committee had sent out a newsletter – this will be dealt with at the January meeting.

(vii) Sandy Greig asked on behalf of Trish & Willie Archibald whether the hall committee wanted to be paid for the hire of the hall at hogmanay or whether they were happy to accept a donation. Committee felt a donation was acceptable.

(viii) Sandy Greig then thanked the Hall Committee for their efforts, which was seconded by Sylvia Andrews.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m., followed by cheese and wine.