

**GLENMORISTON MILLENNIUM HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Present : Trish Archibald, Agnes Bell, Alan Draper, Cherry Duncan, Norman Hill, Carol Hunter, Clare Levings, Errol Levings, Patrick Ungless and Barbara Withers

1. **Apologies**

David Gillies, Kirsteen MacKenzie, Heather Smart and Hugh Watt

2. **Minutes of last Meeting held on Thursday, 10 July 2008**

Proposed by Clare.

Seconded by Agnes.

3. **Public Toilet Facilities**

Errol brought to the Committee's attention the various email sent on this subject. Despite reminders to the Highland Council, there has been no contact whatsoever since 15 September. The onus is now left squarely on their shoulders. Errol will pursue the matter from time to time.

4. **Actions Arising from Previous Meeting**

a. *Fire Resistance Round Oil Tank* – Paint acquired and work to be carried out.

Errol

b. *Fire Damper for Kitchen Fan* – It was suggested that Alan Smart be contacted to do the work and as soon as possible.

Errol

c. *Recycling Bins* – Norman has emailed John Taylor -Tech Services - at the Highland Council with regard to securing extra bins as per previous Committee discussions. The email was backed up with an attachment of photos of offending areas. He also mentioned that FAIR members were willing to empty small bins (i.e. at bus stops) on a regular basis should this be required. The email has been 'read' but no definite or, indeed, satisfactory response has been received to date. Errol suggested that perhaps someone from the Community Council could get onto the case – this would, perhaps, have more of an impact? Norman will pursue the matter from time to time.

Errol

d. *Landscaping* – Trish said that the work would, hopefully, be carried out during the weekend 4/5 October. Trish to inform Patrick should any money be required for materials, etc.

Norman

e. *Open Day at Shooting Club* – See GLEN.

f. *Public Telephone* – Norman has been in touch with the relevant person at BT with regard to the possible removal of the public

telephone. He was informed that, although he had missed the deadline for lodging a complaint, someone from the community council had already been in touch and the matter was in hand.

Trish

5. **Secretary's Report**

Commercial Lets – 4 x NHS, 1 x Highland Council and 1 x Forestry.

Social Events – 1 x Birthday Party, 1 x Ruby Wedding and 3 x Casual Badminton.

Local Lets – Dog Obedience Talk, Ceilidh Trail and Summer Evening Dance.

Free Lets – 2 x Kirk, Danny Alexander, Community Council, Ti Chi and 3 x GLEN (Poozies, Greig Weiss and Cherish the Ladies (BLAS)).

Fund Raising - Lite Bites ran for 6 weeks during which time £2,653.97 was raised. This is up on last year. Thanks to all helpers who rallied round. The Senior Citizens carried on for another week to boost their funds. In September we catered for the Kayak Event and raised around £330.

Clubs – Badminton and Scottish Dance have already started. Bowls start in October. Ballroom and Sequence Dancing started on 21 September and will have 2 more meetings before Christmas (3rd Sundays of October and November). Ceilidh Dancing restarts in October on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

The forms for the renewal of the Public Entertainment's licence have been completed and sent back to the Highland Council. A notice is displayed on the noticeboard and a compliance form will be sent off on 7 October.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Although the end-of-year (31 August) accounts have not yet been finalised, it was noted that the income was slightly down on last year by about £700. Total income £17,500. Lite Bites up on last year at £2,541. Catering nett contribution £2,410, Maggies nett contribution £1,332 and GLEN's nett contribution £28.. Repairs and maintenance were up by 50% due to repair of electrical fault. Electrical and oil rates to be higher next year. Cleaning has increased by 30%. £6,600 surplus of income less expenditure. End August accounts - £42,000. Up by £6,000. Increase in liquid assets for 3rd year.

It was suggested that perhaps the Hall Hire charge could be raised. The Committee would look at this in the new year.

7. **Caretaker's Report**

Covered in '*Actions from Previous Meeting*'. **Errol** did, however, highlight a situation which came about with the boiler replacement work – the difference in commercial and private inspections. Might be an idea to get the Council to cover this for us?

8. **GLEN Report**

Clare informed the Committee that she would be withdrawing from the Chair of GLEN. She would not be pursuing the Shooting Club Open Day event. The Tim Kliphuis evening in October and the Craft Fayre in November would both be going ahead. The Boxclub event however has been cancelled because of increase in costs.

Discussion ensued on lack of attendance at previous GLEN events. How could the Committee get the community interested? [*Addendum : In his editorial for Moriston Matters, Norman has asked community members if they have any suggestions for social events in which they are prepared to participate. He has also asked them to come along to the AGM.*]

9. **Any Other Business**

Alan informed the Committee that the Senior Citizens' Club made £700 during the 3 days they did Lite Bites.

Christmas Cherry informed everyone that the Salvation Army band had been 'disbanded'. However, a Christmas Carol Service will take place on Wednesday, 17 December. The Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, 21 December. Decorating the hall for both of these events will take place on Sunday, 14 December.

Clare suggested Cherry put in 'What's On' in Moriston Matters.

Tricia proposed that a sign 'Don't Forget to Lock Toilets' be put up.

Patrick asked Errol to set temperature to 16 degrees for Badminton.

Heather won't be able to do the licence for Hogmany as she won't be here. Norman thought perhaps this should be covered by 2 people on committee in future? **Norman** and **Patrick** to look at current licencing and charity rules/laws.

Norman informed everyone that he would be leaving for NZ on 5 November and not returning until 9 March. He will be relinquishing position as Chairman of Committee. Thanks received from Clare for his work as Chairman.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** - Wednesday, 29 October at 1900.

[The following meeting will take place on Friday, 28 November at 1900 followed by the AGM at 1930.]