



HOPEMAN Community Association

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

26th March 2026

1. Sederunt: Pat Bray, Mary McDonald, Janice Craib, Annette Gault, Karen Fiske, Thurza Fraser, Mandy Butcher, Dennis Slater, Margaret Young, Kate Mathieson, John Butcher, Ness Tunggal, Ann Kelman, Alwyn Riddoch, Gerry McAllister, Pedro Abreu, Neil Cameron, Neil McPherson, Donna Jamieson, Carole Thomson, Maggie Taylor, James McPherson, Ellen Stewart, Iain Lunan, Malcolm Brown, Maureen Taylor, Simon Garbutt, Jim McPherson, D Nelson, Alan Munsie, M McPherson

2. Apologies: Zander Craib, Paul Craib, Ken McDonald, James McPherson, John Massie, Ellen Stewart, Norma McPherson, Rhona Grant, Ian Ralph, Lesley McPherson, Peter Goodwin, John Tulloch

3. Minutes of previous committee meeting: Approved by Dennis Slater and seconded by Alan Munsie

Ness started by acknowledging the passing of Moira Main, Elaine Biffin and May Patterson, we remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

Ness Addressed the local Police officers and Donna Jamieson community warden who were here dealing with the reports of anti social behaviours. PC Ben Warr-Jones and his colleague agreed patrolling is needed but are very short staffed, the local officers that usually deal with Hopeman are Lossie based PC Strong and PC Parry, Melinda and Simon brought up different issues of unsocial behaviour and how even reporting to police 101 nothing is being done, Neil asked officers to try flag up 101 why nothing is being done. Malcolm suggested bombard and report. The issue of traffic, parking and loud exhausts was also brought up, the officers said they'd try to get patrols to do some checking, advised to keep reporting issues. Donna also said to report dog mess to council website.

4. Correspondence:

- Hayley Petrie informing of next Harbour user meeting: Thurs 11 June 7pm

5. External Reports:

A: Councillors Reports:

- Neil Cameron reporting active travel, TSI Moray, Coastal fund empty for this year, look into this, He will look into why the school won't let police in to talk to youngsters. Neil advised us to look into the walking and outdoor festival in June where we could do walking tours with a possible fee.
- James Allen will share meeting with Gerry on Inner Harbour being a mess.

B: Planning Application: To be kept in agenda as requested by members.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting:

With the completion of the Black Sheddie repairs there will be a plaque put up to thank Graham Rattray and Donald has been phoned to paint the outside but has had no reply yet.

Beach huts: Continue to receive correspondence however until committee approval on moratorium this remains on hold.

7. New Items: Harbour to Dunbar street steps in need of repair. Neil been asked to follow up with council.

Carol Thomson showed pictures of the new All Terrain Wheelchair but needs a place to store it, Dennis suggested at the back of the toilets, Gerry suggested at the back of the pavilion still in discussion.

Malcolm Brown is in discussion about path clearing to make way for the sauna.

8. Sub Committee Reports & Accounts:

- Memorial Hall: Accounts open and winding down OSCR, Roof repairs ongoing. Still to get insurance sorted. Wifi to be connected once Open Reach finished.
- Playing Field & Beach & Outdoor Gym: Alexander to speak to Kirsty to sort bank accounts - sorted, council cut bushes, Gerry organised litter pick. Alan Munsie to take on fundraising for Goalposts.
- Pavilion: No Report.
- Sports Hub:
- Skate Park: Gerry looked at state of shelter/hut. Collab with Lucy to maybe get kids involved in fixing up. Lights don't work.
- Gala: Kathryn and Alexander Working on licensing/risk assessments. Help would be much appreciated. Pedro would help with Gala designing.
- Floral Committee: 4 lady volunteers have come forward and all discussing ideas.
- SOS Group: No report
- Kirk Group: No Report

- Youth Group: Lucy reported PVG in pipeline attending Elgin Youth Club for ideas.
Date has been set to trial the club.
- Bowling club: No report
- Communication: Pedro showed the new web layout needs to get permission from Steven Grant to use the drone footage everyone in agreement it looks great.

9.Finance: See Report

10.Any Other Business: The speed sign has been posted away and is being looked at.

11. Date of Next General Committee Meeting

The date of the next Committee Meeting was set for 30th April 2026 in the Memorial Hall.