



HOPEMAN Community Association

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

30th April 2026

1. Sederunt: Pat Bray, John Bray, Mary McDonald, Janice Craib, Annette Gault, Karen Fiske, Thurza Fraser, Mandy Butcher, Dennis Slater, Margaret Young, John Butcher, Ness Tunggal, Ann Kelman, Alwyn Riddoch, Gerry McAllister, Neil Cameron, Maggie Taylor, James McPherson, Ellen Stewart, Iain Lunan, Maureen Taylor, Alan Munsie, N McPherson, Justine East, Debbie Inglis, Malcolm Bews, Kathryn Buchanan, Murray Easton, Ailsa Easton, Ian Wilson, Stevie McPherson, Douglas Campbell, Donald Beattie, James Ferguson, Wilma Ferguson

2. Apologies: Zander Craib, Paul Craib, Ken McDonald, John Massie, Norma McPherson, Lesley McPherson, John Tulloch, Pedro Abreu, James Allen

3. Minutes of previous committee meeting: Approved by Gerry McAllister and seconded by Mary McDonald

Ness started by acknowledging the passing of Meg Fiske, we remember her in our thoughts and prayers.

Youth Football representatives Archie Lunan and Lyle McPherson gave a very informative speech about their recent fundraising efforts for new goalposts raising an amazing £1100 already towards new goals that are on wheels so as not to ruin grass, They Thanked Angie who organised the soup and sweet and also some groups and families that made a donation to the cause.

Mary will keep dealing with memorial bench enquiries any correspondence will be through her. Any coastal funding applications will be put out to any interested groups. Sub committee groups asked to get organised with any proposals so they can be considered for any funding options.

4. Correspondence: Neil Cameron Coastal funding Put out to groups that are interested.

5. External Reports:

A: Councillors Reports: No Reports

B: Planning Application: Duffus Inn applied for change of use from bar to Air Band B Flats.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting: The steps from Harbour Street up to Dunbar Street have been fixed by Mario Miele.

7. New Items:

8. Sub Committee Reports & Accounts:

- Memorial Hall: Election this Thursday no access from 6th. John has removed gulls' nests from the flat roof area, next stage roof repairs start mid June for approx 3 weeks. John will message groups to clear storage areas.
- Playing Field & Beach & Outdoor Gym: No report
- Pavilion: Mixed advice on CCTV so further enquiries needed. Booking form for the pavilion on the HCA website is still in Jack's name. Priority action to Pedro.
- Sports Hub: Litter Pick was a success.
- Skate Park: No report
- Gala: Kathryn reported In progress, dealing with advertising and getting Disco sorted. The next gala meeting is 11th May.
- Floral Committee: Mary reported that the idea of using a rowing boat to plant out is under way Gordonstoun had offered boat but would be too big Hazel offered Massons boat which would be perfect would be situated at black sheddie/Harbour area so a lovely tribute to Masson, still need to paint harbour toilet wall need to seek helpers to level and broaden path, Malcolm suggested Scouts would like to help with this. Isa is looking after tubs.
- SOS Group: No report
- Kirk Group: No Report
- Youth Group: Ness reported the trial youth club went well. There were 4 Boys and 4 Girls attended, the night was enjoyed and hope word of mouth will encourage more youngsters, the next trial date to be confirmed.
- Bowling club: No report
- Communication: No Report
- Heritage Group: Kathryn has taken photos of inside the ice house as a before and after, ideas of doing a trail around the village, Iain has put out for digital help.

9. Finance: Debbie reported all bank accounts are now open and old accounts closed, Sub committees need to check they have changed their SCIO numbers. HCA will look into the

reserve policy £12k was suggested as Insurances, new gym added and ad hoc all will increase, All approved, Murray will finish all accounts to date, informed the scio balance of £25000 as Formal policy for reserve funds. Justine suggested amount is reduced and was agreed, this will be researched in more detail. Ness asked if there would be anyone willing to take on looking into Fundraising and Grants. Ness reported on behalf of the floral committee they were in need of tools to do the work they do the floral committee put in an invoice of £489. It was suggested The football youngsters put donation boxes in the village shops for 10 days to help their fundraising, after that HCA would top up the final amount needed to get the goals then they could continue to fundraise for the community. Ness put to vote for us to get 3 quotes to Repair the Ice House of the subsidence and roof leakage, unanimous vote. Report once quotes in.

10. Any Other Business: The speed sign is being followed up, Dennis mentioned member of public had approached him about getting slow down signs in the circle park area, Neil cameron confirmed the village is to get 20mph signs, Action pedro to put reminder on website.

Dennis reported the plaque thanking Graham Rattray had been erected at the black sheddie, a good day was had by all. The £3.49 was approved by chair to cover additional coat.

The anti-social behavior issue has seen Donna come down twice, Ness said her presence is helping, she will continue to keep us in the loop.

11. Date of Next General Committee Meeting

The date of the next Committee Meeting was set for 28th May 2026 in the Memorial Hall.