



HOPEMAN Community Association

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 28th March 7pm - 8.30pm

1. Sederunt: Dennis Slater (DS), Janice Craib (JC), John Butcher (JBT), Mary MacDonald (MMD), Pat Bray (PBR), John Bray (JB), Maggie Taylor, Paul King, Jack Wood (JW), Carole Thomson (CT), Douglas Gallacher, Sandy Main, Lisa McKenzie, Pat Mackay, Sandra McKandie, Von Webster, Elaine Stockdale, Jeanette McKee, Isa, Alix Dewhurst, Noreen Insh, Cllr James Allan, Norma McPherson
2. Apologies: Adam Csenki, Rhona Grant, Peter Goodwin, Mandy Butcher, Ken MacDonald, Annette Gault, Alexander Craib, Cllr John Cowe, Cllr Bridget Mustard

DS took this opportunity to note the passing in recent weeks residents of the village, Ernie More, Stan Murray, Christine McLean, Wilma Grant and Ally Robertson. The death of two young boys killed in a tragic accident on the road between Elgin and Lossiemouth was also remembered.

3. Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting

The minutes of February's meeting were accepted after PBR proposed and CT seconded.

4. Correspondence

DS advised that Hopeman Football Club had made contact to thank the Committee for financing the purchase of a white lining machine for use on the park. The white lines are required to be repainted before each game and having their own machine will be a financial saving to the Club.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes

The Nae Excuse has been delivered throughout the village in the past week. CT thanked all those concerned and encouraged anyone wishing information to be included in future issues to make contact through the details shown on the Nae Excuse.

6. New items for discussion

(a) Ethan Hendry

Ethan provided the meeting with a very comprehensive report on his trip to Thailand. Despite the heat and intensive training involved, Ethan enjoyed the experience and is planning trips to future Kickboxing tournaments. Our thanks to Ethan for keeping the Committee updated on his progress.



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(b) Trading at the East Beach for the 2024 season.

It was agreed that the present arrangement of two outside caterers being available at various times should remain.

(c) Keiran's Legacy

Sandra McKandie explained the background of the charity which was established following the sad death of her son Keiran in a bike accident in 2017. The aim of the charity is to raise funds for the installation of defibrillators within local communities and schools in Scotland. To date they have distributed 272 defibrillators. She also reported on the defibrillators which are positioned at various locations within the village and stressed the importance of the correct maintenance of the units. The steps recommended by will be undertaken soonest. It was suggested to the meeting that the location of the defibrillators could be included in the Nae Excuse.

7. (a) Councillors Report

Cllr James Allan advised that Moray Council has set a budget for 2024/2025 which has been approved by all parties. Cllr Allan updated the meeting on proposals for banking services within Lossiemouth using a banking hub. With the holiday season fast approaching and the increase in the number of visitors to the village, a request was made by Jeanette McKee that the Council provide the larger bins at the parking areas to allow visitors to dispose of their rubbish in a responsible way.

8. Memorial Hall

- JB is updating and clarifying the Terms and Conditions in respect of users of the Hall.

Playing Field & Beach, Pavilion Sports Hub and Car Park

- New fencing has been erected at the area next to the harbour toilets. Paul King, who attends to the planting in this area, is delighted with the work which has been carried out. Fencing work is being undertaken at the car parking/playing field areas. An update is requested on the area which it is planned will be edged using large stones. This matter to be followed up by DS. It is hoped that all of the above work can be put in place before the Summer season starts in earnest.



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Noreen Insh voiced her concern at the condition of the fencing and pavement area which is being caused by the erosion of the banking leading to Findlay's Bay. This situation will be monitored.

Pavilion

- DS referred to a recent meeting of the Sports Hub. It is hoped to encourage and promote the use of the Pavilion by local groups and residents for various functions.

Skatepark

- At a recent Craft Fair held in the Memorial Hall, the Skatepark raised the sum of £1100. Congratulations to all involved.

Gala

- No report

200 Committee, Floral Club

- MMD reported that planting of polyanthus has been carried out at the flower bed at the corner of Harbour Street and Forsyth Street.

SOS Group

- DS reported in detail on the group's recent visit to the Scottish Parliament. Cross- party meetings were held and the matter was also raised for discussion in the debating chamber. The various parties appeared to be 100% behind the stance that the group has taken over the past 19 months. A report is being prepared by an independent inspector on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care.
DS also advised on the continued support of the Duthie family in making their premises in Burghead available.

9. Finance

JB provided a copy of his report to 28 March 2024. The current available funds for the HCA is £32,565.37. A donation has been received from the family of the late Ernie More.



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10. Any other business

- Congratulations to Alan and Maggie Reid who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.
- A Pop-Up Bacon Roll and Tea/Coffee morning is being held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday 7 April to raise funds for the hall. Lois Dubber will be exhibiting her work in the back hall on the same day.
- The 200 Club Draw took place.

11. Date of Next Meeting

25 April 2024