



HOPEMAN Community Association

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 25th January 2024

1. Sederunt:

Dennis Slater, Janice Craib (JCR), Syanness Tungal Moyle, Tim Moyle, Rhona Grant (RGR), Mary MacDonald (MMD), John Bray (JBR), Pat Bray (PBR), Cllr Bridget Mustard (BM), Mandy Butcher, Jennette McKee (JMK), Isa Aitkinhead (IA), Dave Ball (DB), Allan Munsie, Jack Wood (JW), Maggie Taylor (MT), Melinda McGiff (MMG), Jim McGiff (JMG), Alwyn Riddoch, Maureen Taylor, Alison Easton, Grace Angus, Catherine Main, Judith McCulley, Mark Lang, Andrew Reid (AR), John Massie, Merlys King, Paul King, Carole Thompson, Jo Price, Pat Mackay, John McPherson (JMP), Stevie McPherson (SMP), Elaine Stockdale, Von Webster, Walter Deans, Karen Cook, Jenny Adams (JA), Aoife Irwin Moore, Lindsay Nelson, James McPherson, Ian Lunan (IL).

2. Apologies:

Ken MacDonald, Justine East (JE), Peter Goodwin, Cllr John Cowe, Cllr Neil Cameron, Xander Craib, Adam Csenki (ACS), Annette Gault, Jennifer Middlecoat (JMC),

3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved after PBR proposed and MMD seconded.

4. Welcome

DS opened the meeting with a fitting tribute to the late Jack Burke, looking back at the many years of service given to the village. This was then followed with thanks and a tribute to the previous chair Dave Ball.

5. Correspondence

a. Joanne Price - Seaside Sauna

Joanne gave an outline of the service she is looking to provide, namely, a mobile sauna down close to the beach. One of the most important things to her is a view of the sea in order to give a holistic experience. There was discussion around the use of Findlay's Bay which would not be acceptable given the previous warnings about the rip tides, however, the harbour may be a viable option and Ms Price was advised to contact Moray Council. Arrangements will be made to meet with JP at the beach and look at safety and positioning.



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6. Matters Arising from previous minutes

a. Out of the Box - information sharing with other Community Councils

The committee were informed that ACS met with representatives from Roseisle and Duffus in a meeting facilitated by Outside the Box. They had a positive meeting and agreed to share information between the groups by setting up a whatsapp group.

One issue that came up was workrooms, especially for creating and printing posters. It was agreed that ACS being involved in this group was an asset to all, but HCA will also investigate repairing the large printer, buying a new printer or outsourcing our needs to professional printers.

b. Anti-social behaviour in Hopeman, offer of a meeting with Moray Council youth workers

ACS had been in touch with Fraser Lyall and Tracey Robbie from Moray council (youth work), and reported that they were happy to talk to members of HCA to see how they could help with anti-social behaviour in the village.

There were three people who are badly affected by ongoing harassment from young people in the village. These three people would like to attend along with ACS to try to find solutions to the ongoing problems. MMG, JMG and MT.

ACTION: ACS to set up a meeting.

c. Dog Muck in Hopeman

ACS had written to Lossie High to get a slide about responsible pet ownership and the importance of picking up after dogs included in the pupils' tutor time presentation.

There was agreement that this problem is, unfortunately, getting worse, with the thought being that the bins needed emptied more often and that more bins were also required.

7. New items for discussion

a. Update from JA - Hopeman Kirk and Clock Tower

JA confirmed to the committee that there will be one Ministry for Hopeman, Spynie, Duffus and Lossiemouth, with two churches retained: Lossie and Duffus. Spynie and Hopeman will be disposed of and Hopeman has the complication of the village owning the clock tower, entrance and vestibule. Many buildings are not worth selling and have



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been taken over by their local communities. The Kirk trustees had a vote and voted for Duffus to be kept.

There was a call from the committee to support the action group, with JW stating that no one is listening to them. The committee were assured that the Kirk trustees and the Church of Scotland legal team will engage with the HCA.

8. External Reports

a. Councillors' Report

BM reported that the council is running at a 13.5 million deficit. The funding for the path project has been approved, and thanks to the councillors for their help in this. JA apologised for not attending in a long time, he has had medical issues. He is trying to get a banking hub set up in Lossiemouth, similar to the one in Forres. Cllr Cameron and Cllr Cowe were wished a speedy recovery from being unwell.

b. Planning Applications

None relevant

9. Sub Committee Reports (by exception)

- Memorial Hall
- Playing Field & Beach, Pavilion Sports Hub, Skate Park

Angie Reid and Donald Beattie are taking over the defibrillators in Hopeman.

There was a meeting at the Pavilion the previous night, looking at how to move on following the loss of Jack Burke. It was decided that they will hold an AGM with the public and involved groups to set up a committee.

SMP now has the paperwork for the Pavilion, and noted that bookings are down by 70%. To address this, a facebook page has been set up, run by Angie Reid and Laura McPherson. It was emphasised that the Pavilion is a community asset and can be used by all.

- Gala
- 200 Committee, Floral Committee

Thanks were given to the ongoing hard work of the floral Committee.



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- SOS Group

STM advised that they have had a visit from Evan Bestwick who has visited Hopeman at the request of the Cabinet Secretary. He was looking mainly at how the closure of the surgeries had come about and how the consultation was run. The group should have a reply by the next HCA meeting.

SOS are going to be attending Hollyrood to hand over the petition sheets and we believe there will be a discussion during FM Questions. Anyone who has had issues with the surgeries' closure can get in touch with any of the group. These cases may be used in the Scottish parliament.

SOS are looking at funding, trying to find a way to provide primary care through nurse-led services alongside looking at a new premises shared with all local surgeries.

10. Finance

a. New bank account

A new bank account needs to be opened for the SCIO. After this is opened, funds will be transferred from the old account to the new, and the old one shut down. There was a discussion about changing bank providers, however, it was pointed out that other banks have been problematic and the decision was made to stay with Virgin.

John Butcher introduced himself and will give a full report next month after he has had a handover.

ACTION: There will need to be a changeover of signatories prior to next month's meeting.

11. Any Other Business

- JMP spoke about the Ship's Propeller which has been kindly gifted by North Link Ferries. It will be used as a memorial to all those from Hopeman who have died or been lost at sea. The propeller will be sited beside the Black Sheddie.
- IL requested that we all vote for Hopeman AmDrama group who are looking to raise money for new lighting and sound system through the Future Is Green Just Transition Page on FaceBook.



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- AR noted that £1000 had been raised at Jack Burke's funeral and the money will be split equally between the Floral Committee, The Guides, The Dynamos, the Skatepark and the Community garden.
- DB noted that he has had two quotes for new fencing at the toilet area; the quotes are very different, he is awaiting a third quote before a decision is made.
- LMP reported that the picnic table at the back of the beach huts has a big hole in it and needs replaced.

12. Special Meeting: Committee vote on resolution to disband HCA after the SCIO is operational.

After a short discussion, the committee agreed that, considering that the new SCIO has now been formed with the intention that it take over the activities of Hopeman Community Association, the Committee should proceed to take steps, subject to OSCR's consent, to transfer the assets, liabilities and undertakings of Hopeman Community Association to the new SCIO, being a charity with similar charitable purposes and activities, and dissolve Hopeman Community Association at a suitable time thereafter.

ACTION: ACS to provide this to the Pitlochry solicitors so they can continue with the work of transferring assets.

13. Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 29th Feb 2024