



HOPEMAN Community Association

AGENDA FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 24th April 2025 7pm - 8.30pm

1. Sederunt:

Wanda Clark (Chair), Adam Csenki (ACS), Pedro Abreu (PAB), Maggie Taylor, Cllr Neil Cameron, Cllr John Cowe, Ellen Stewart (ES), Kate Mathieson, John Massie, Zander Craib, Grace Angus, Pat Bray (PBR), Fiona Wilkes, Syanness Tunggal (SYT), Dennis Slater, Carol Wood, Frith Noble, Elaine Stockdale, Peter Goodwin (PG), Jennifer Middlecote (JMC)

2. Apologies

John Butcher, Rhona Grant, Carole Thomson, John Bray, Janice, Norma McPherson, Stevie McPherson, Lucy McKenzie, James Ferguson, Lesley McPherson

3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting

The minutes were accepted after DS proposed and MBT seconded.

4. Correspondence

a. Metal Detecting request

The Committee agreed to reply to a metal detecting request that detecting on the beach would be fine as long as large holes were filled in, but detecting on the playing fields or park was not allowed.

ACTION: ACS to reply.

b. Horsebox Sauna request

A discussion was had about a sauna request from Malcolm Brown, namely that previous requests have been denied at Findlay's Bay, due to not being able to encourage swimming in an area with rips.

ACTION: ACS to look through correspondence with the previous applicant and reply to MB ruling out anything at Findlay's bay and asking for more information.



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5. Matters Arising from previous minutes

a. Volunteers

Volunteers are being sought for the following roles: helping to promote content online, along with the great work that PAB and Sofia Abreu are doing, planning and running events, and a coordinator to take on fundraising opportunities. Volunteers are also being sought for serving teas and coffees at the VE Day Celebration event.

Anyone interested, please email in.

b. VE Day Celebrations

After talking through the plans, it was decided to purchase garden torches to light the procession. Volunteers needed to serve teas and coffees after the event.

ACTION: Trustees to buy the torches and publicise this event.

6. New items for discussion

a. Outstanding Hall Damage Debt

After the Chair updated the committee that the debt has not been paid, a long discussion was had about how to resolve this situation amicably and with the best outcome for all involved. In the end, the committee supported offering Fraser a space at the playing field as part of VE Day on the 8th May, so that money can be earned to pay the debt, and a donation could come back to the community. PG kindly offered to support with this if needed.

ACTION: ACS to email this offer to Fraser.

*see notes at the end of minutes.



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b. Nae Excuse

Nae Excuse is finalised to be printed, and thanks to Carole and the team for putting this together. Volunteers, as last time, will be coordinated by a whatsapp group, anyone wishing to join this group should send their number in.

7. External Reports

a. Councillors' Report

The committee were advised that:

- There will be a new Lord Lieutenant of Moray: Air Commodore Alisdair Monkman who takes over on Friday 2nd May,
- There are library user groups set up for Lossiemouth and Burghead, looking at how to make the libraries more effective and useable for community events etc.
- There is an active survey about plans for council motorhome and caravan parking around Moray. Nine potential sites have been identified and does not include Hopeman. After a conversation started about pros and cons of HCA providing charge parking for caravans and motorhomes at East Beach, it was agreed to leave this discussion to the next meeting.

b. Planning Applications

None relevant

8. Sub Committee Reports (by exception)

- Memorial Hall

PBR standing in for JBR who is cycling from Land's End to John o' Groats, reported that:



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- New terms and conditions have been written and emailed out to regular Hall users,
- The five year electrical inspection is scheduled for 8th July.
- It is proving difficult to obtain quotes for the roof and stonework repairs, but the committee are pursuing this,
- There is a VE Day Celebration coffee morning on 10th May with monies raised going to the roof fund.
 - Pavilion Sports Hub

A very successful tombola was recorded and it was also noted that following a fire survey, a new fire panel is needed. This is in hand.

- Playing Field and Beach

There is some additional work to be done at the flower beds at East Beach - DS to approach Chris Coleman, and this should be taken out of his work in lieu for previous overpayment.

- Gala

JMC updated the committee:

- The Gala have explored other ways for funding via TSI, however, nothing is a good fit. JMC noted a fundraising course which might be useful for HCA in general.
- The toilet hire and security hire has been confirmed, as well as the entertainment for Saturday evening.
- Thanks to HPS and the pupils having made a great effort with their programme submissions. The Gala Committee had a very difficult choice and will announce the winner soon.



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- SOS Group

There was a meeting with Douglas Ross to talk about starting the pilot project.

- Kirk Group

There will be an office bearers and presbytery meeting which should provide more information about the closure of Hopeman Kirk.

- Outdoor Gym

Moray Council is ready to go out for the tender with the timeline of funding to be complete by 14th July. Aldi, National Lottery, Go fund me, and lucky squares are all active and money has started to come in. The talent show on 17th May (5.30 - 7pm) was publicised. Lots of acts already signed up so get your application in quick!

There was a question about when the main playpark would be completed.

ACTION: ACS to find out and report back.

9. Finance

Attached as a separate document. It was confirmed that an invoice has come in for the speed warning camera, with an amount that differs slightly to the original quote. ACS has sent all documents to JBT and he will sort this with the council.

10. Any Other Business

- a. ES asked about using the pagoda at east beach and was told to email a request.
- b. PG brought up the state of the path across the top of the beach opposite the skate park, DS to keep chasing this up.



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11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next committee meeting was set for Thursday 29th May 2025

Meeting closed 20.29

*note, after the meeting, it was made clear that 8th May was not possible for Fraser to have an event, so it was scheduled for Saturday 17th May, 12 - 4pm.