



HOPEMAN Community Association

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

26th February 2026

1. Sederunt: Wilma Ferguson, James Ferguson, Pat Bray, John Bray, Alan Munsie, Mary McDonald, Janice Craib, Debbie Inglis, Annette Gault, Karen Fiske, Kathryn Buchanan, Thurza Fraser, Mandy Butcher, Dennis Slater, Donald Beattie, Catherine Main, Margaret Young, Kate Mathieson, John Butcher, Ness Tunggal, Ann Kelman, Alwyn Riddoch, B Mustard, Tommy Murray, Gerry McAllister, Douglas Gallacher, Douglas Campbell, Jack Wood, Lucy Morrison, Pedro Abreu, Neil Cameron, John Cowe
2. Apologies: Zander Craib, Paul Craib, Ken McDonald, James McPherson, Iain Lunan, John Massie, Ellen Stewart, Norma McPherson, Rhona Grant, Ian Ralph, Lesley McPherson, Peter Goodwin, John Tulloch
3. Minutes of previous committee meeting: Approved by Pat Bray and seconded by Gerry McAllister.
Ness started by acknowledging the passing of Sandy Dubber, John Herriott and James Riddell, we remember them in our thoughts and prayers.
4. Correspondence:
 - Ian Ralph emailed in to inform that he will attempt the remaining repairs when weather improves he also sent in photos of the shelter at the skatepark which is in need of repairs and requested if any local joiner could take a look. Gerry and Lucy will coordinate to see if this can be used by the youth club.
 - Anti-social behaviour in village - looking into as informed about a Moray Council website: Community Safety Officer that can be updated with cases of unsocial behaviour. It was said that an action log file be created to help follow up of actions agreed from previous meeting - was agreed.
5. External Reports:
 - A: Councillors Reports:
 - Bridget spoke of the budget just passed 25/3
 - Neil apologised about the speed sign but as is stated on email it is up to HCA to look after this.
 - John Cowe said hopefully council tax will drop from 10% to 6% next year, there is also to be changes in attendance policies that come out on Tuesday.
 - Ness informed the meeting that she had contacted the council responsible, from old contacts when the sign was procured and has received response; Manufacturer has gone under but there is a new company who is willing to take over maintenance. Contact

was made with the new manufacturer. Awaiting response.

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

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting: the anti-social behaviour: matter for the police. Bridget Mustard talked about council website to help tackle the issue. Board to look at and include in discussion for next meeting. It was suggested that an action log file be created to help follow up of actions agreed from previous meeting - was agreed.

7. New Items: 1 Heritage: Katherine wanted clarification of what is wanted overall, it was clarified we want stories as well as physical heritage/ location/ landmarks to be highlighted/ documented Wilma offered to help scribing, suggestion of maybe involving the youngsters. Katherine will prepare a post to put out on facebook and submit it to see if anyone in the community has old stories/photos they would be willing to share.

Ness went over the Ice House Survey with Donald, got in touch with Fairhurst for the survey report from 2022. Donald reported based on the report that the floor needs repaired but doesn't need a specialist. Any volunteers would be helpful, they contacted Findhorn Ice house & Spey Bay to visit. Donald and Zander will be looking into it, hopefully the Ice house will be ready to use for the gala.

2 Village Maintenance: Gerry McAllister has agreed to take on the role of Village Maintenance. He is happy to have his number on the new website, Dennis wanted the bridge survey checked and to get council to advise on parking lines and sign at the beach. Issue re parking - Dennis had contacted Moray council about this and with bay markings was raised. Follow up.

8. Sub Committee Reports & Accounts:

- Memorial Hall: Reported a successful fashion show making £1700, the 2nd stage of roof repairs will start when weather improves, the projector is being looked at as is the WiFi.
- Playing Field & Beach & Outdoor Gym: Alan Munsie mentioned Bushes encroaching on park need cutting but not in nesting time. Should be strimmer in the storage at the harbour, Gerry to have a look and co-ordinate with Alan. Date for the official Gym opening will be April the 6th proposed to coincide with world physical activity day.
- Pavilion: No Report.
- Sports Hub: email from Ian about repairs needing done to the shelter.
- Skate Park: See correspondence.
- Gala: Nothing to report, update will be given at next meeting.

- Floral Committee: On the loss of Sandy and Paul they will be looking for new volunteers, looking into ideas/mural maybe for the wall of the toilets to contact Lossie community/Carol Ralph. Will look into tree initiative from woodland trust.
- SOS Group: No report
- Kirk Group: Jack Wood will provide a presentation to try and explain where the issues are with the church as it would like to be kept as a church but is Held in Trust. Keith Sutherland is trying to get a hold of the documents.
- Youth Group: Lucy Is still in early stages of planning but would like to book the hall for initial consultation with the youngsters, they had no response from Lossie High. Lucy was in touch with Disclosure Scotland. Proposed that PVG for volunteers to be done through D.S at initial phase and evaluate in the future whether HCA to register into the scheme, Lucy also looking into the Safeguarding policy. Action: book hall for initial consultation with the youngsters/parents.
- Bowling club: Tommy stated the new lounge has opened and that next year is their centenary year so plans are underway on how to celebrate this.
- Communication: Janice will contact Andre who allegedly created and has access to the old website to take down and get new one up and running, as the old website is in breach of scio as not displaying appropriate info. Pedro has started on the new website and would like to maybe connect with youngsters to do reporting on heritage interviews, Agreed by members that website should serve locals and wider community and visitors, drone footage added to showcase Hopeman too. It was suggested that space for Local businesses to advertise with a small fee? To be considered?

9.Finance: Debbie still trying to open accounts once they are sorted will need to help sort sub committees.

Outdoor Gym is now paid and funds are in from the grant.

10.Any Other Business: Pat Bray drew the 200 club with 1st place going to Hamish McPherson, 2nd place Brian Walker and 3rd place James Easton.

After Annette brought up the Golf Club Defib not being registered with the ambulance service. This is privately owned and managed by the golf club. Which is now up and running again.Dennis mentioned all the HCA Defibs are definitely registered.

Dennis mentioned getting a plaque as a thank you to Graham Rattray for replacing the Black Sheddie roof. This was approved by members, Dennis to manage this. Thank you letter was sent.

Dennis informed that Mark The Chemist is retiring in March. It was suggested that he is invited to the next meeting for a presentation of appreciation. Board to look into this.

11. Date of Next General Committee Meeting

The date of the next Committee Meeting was set for 26th March 2026 in the Memorial Hall.