



HOPEMAN Community Association

AGENDA FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 25th April 2024 7pm - 8.30pm

1. Sederunt

Dennis Slater (DS), Adam Csenki (ACS), John Butcher (JBT), Janice Craib, Rhona Grant, Ian Ralph, April Charlesworth (ACH), Jack Wood, Maggie Taylor, Trevor Mearns (TM), Mandy Butcher, Sandie Campbell, Pat MacKay, Judith McCulley, Karen Leish (KLE), Elen Stockdale, Dave Ball (DB), Drew Parkes, Mark Lang, Mary McDonald, Lesley McPherson, Pat Bray (PBR), John Bray (JBR), Jennifer Middlecoat, Dave Ball, Ness Tunggal, Cllr John Cowe, Joan Cowe, Cllr James Allan

2. Apologies

Ken MacDonald, Cllr Bridget Mustard, Cllr Neil Cameron (NC), Stevie McPherson, Carol Wood, Peter Goodwin, Alix Dewhirst, Bridget Mustard, Murray Easton,
After the apologies, DS welcomed the present councillors, and wished NC a speedy recovery.

3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting

The minutes of March's meeting were accepted after JBR proposed and PBR seconded.



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4. Correspondence

a. Hopeman Golf Club

TM was welcomed from Hopeman Golf Club, who spoke about the club and the various things that were offered there, for example a new block of free lessons for Juniors, and charity work. He emphasised that the Golf Club is open to all, with lunches being served every day and a regular programme of social events. JMC noted with thanks that the Golf Club supports the Gala every year.

b. Funding and Training Opportunities

The committee welcomed April Charlesworth (Outside the Box) and Karen Leish (Coop). KLE informed the committee about Coop local funding for small groups which is very easy and quick to apply for. ACH informed the committee about free training sessions on resilience and safeguarding which will take place locally.

ACTION: ACS to send out the information of the training sessions when they are known.

5. Matters Arising from previous minutes

a. Defib Update

DS updated the committee that a new defibrillator is to be fitted on Tuesday, with the portable one at the pavilion also checked and new pads ordered. It was noted that there is also one at the Golf Club on the putting green.

b. Black Sheddie Update

The committee was informed that Graham Rattery, Undertaker, has kindly agreed to fix the Black Sheddie Roof, for the cost of the materials.



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6. New items for discussion

a. Painting Morning

It was agreed that Saturday 18th May would be a Painting Morning, with the community encouraged to come down to the beach area and help to do a big tidy up. After a conversation about the Youth Shelter, it was agreed that this would be better done later as a separate project, together with the young people that use it.

7. External Reports

a. Councillors' Report

JA reported that the extra bins are ordered and should be in place soon. There is also a Banking Hub being planned for Lossiemouth. After a question about more dog bins in the village, DS confirmed that he had been in touch with the council about more regular emptying of the current bins.

JC reported that the CEO of Moray Council retires at the end of the month and will be replaced by an interim who comes highly recommended. The D-Day celebrations on the 6th June at the pier at 1130 were also mentioned, along with other celebrations that week. The Active Travel Route Group will meet with Nicola Moss in May.

JC also reported that the council budget is in £13m deficit, with £5m of this being Moray's share of the IJB overspend. It was confirmed that the books must be balanced.

b. Planning Applications

None relevant



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8. Sub Committee Reports (by exception)

- Memorial Hall

JBR updated the committee about the Fire Alarm problem, noting that, as the system is still not fully functional after some parts still not arrived, in case of a power cut, the Hall was not guaranteed safe and should therefore be evacuated. It is hoped that the parts would arrive the following week.

- Playing Field & Beach,

The committee were informed that the work by Chris Coleman is due to be finished next week, and he also has capacity to fix up the smaller flower bed too. A new dolphin is also to be made, with thanks to Ken MacDonald. DB noted that the 70 blocks will be delivered imminently, and machinery has been organised. There will be a new fence to go in near the lighthouse flower bed, and a larger fence coming into the car park will be kept, but metal shields need to be bought to protect from council strimming.

8a. Meeting closed abruptly.

Unfortunately, at this point, there was a power cut in the whole village, and the Hall had to be evacuated, ending the meeting.

8b. Addendum and date of next meeting

After the meeting, the following text was sent by Ian Ralph as a skatepark update:

- *'Funding is now around £16,750.*
- *Park has been reassessed and updated list of required parts measured.*



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- *List sent to Rhino Ramps UK contact for updated quotation. Once received we will look at ordering.*
- *Only the treasurer required to go to the bank with ID to finalise the bank account transfer from previous committee.*

The plan now is to purchase all needed parts and repair the park and then in the meantime we will keep fundraising and when we have enough we will then look at resurfacing. If this is 2025, then that's when it will be.'

The date of the next meeting has been set by the Trustees as 7pm on Thursday 30th May in the Memorial Hall.