



HOPEMAN Community Association

AGENDA FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 27th June 2024 7pm - 8.30pm

1. Sederunt: unfortunately, there is no sederunt list for this meeting.
2. Apologies: Pat MacKay, James Allan, Bridget Mustard, Lesley McPherson, Jenniffer Middlecoat, John Tulloch, Alix Dewhurst, Ken MacDonald, Mary MacDonald, Annette Gault, Zander Craib,
3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted after Carol Wood proposed and Maggie Taylor seconded.

4. Correspondence

a. Outflow Pipe Work

Dennis Slater has taken up correspondence with Veolia (the contractors working on the outflow pipe at East Beach) who had asked for parking to be made available for works starting in the middle of September. DS has asked that they return the beach to how it looked beforehand.

b. Donald Beattie

Dave Ball has taken away two benches at the beach which had rotten. The committee agreed the order of two benches at £251+VAT. A discussion about dog mess was had.

5. Matters Arising from previous minutes

a. Playpark equipment

After a discussion about the need to upgrade the playpark equipment, and many good suggestions including looking for adult fitness equipment (Fresh Air Fitness equipment has been recently installed in Knockando), the committee agreed that HCA should liaise with the council to take this forward when schools go back.



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ACTION: Adam Csenki and any others interested to be involved with the council process for securing new equipment.

6. New items for discussion

None

7. External Reports

a. Councillors' Report

The committee were informed that, as well as the final council meeting having taken place, the community groups of Lossiemouth and Burghead were thinking about re-establishing a tourism group for the area. There is a new Chief Executive in place in the council, and it is likely that Hopeman will receive money for play equipment (see above). The large bins, ordered for Hopeman, were also discussed, and it is hoped to see these in place soon.

b. Planning Applications

The committee were made aware of an application to erect a shed and canopy in the garden at 7 Sea Park, Hopeman.

8. Sub Committee Reports (by exception)

● Playing Field & Beach,

DB led the committee in recording formal thanks to Sandy Main for the stones down at the East Beach. There have been lots of compliments about that area and the all agreed that it is a big improvement. It was shared that the Youth Justice team were to



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paint the fence down to the black sheddie, and, after a question about the Ice House roof, DS confirmed that this is in hand.

- Pavilion Sports Hub,

The good news of increased bookings was shared with the committee.

- Skate Park

Thanks were recorded to West Beach Caravan Park, having donated £2000 to the skate park appeal.

- Gala (posters)

DB gave the report and noted that everything was ready and organised. After a discussion about advertising boards, it was agreed to change the SOS boards at the entrance to the village.

- 200 Committee, Floral Committee

It was confirmed that Ness Tunggal was currently watering the hanging baskets, many thanks from the committee.

- SOS Group,

Rhona Grant informed the committee that there are more delays to the publication of the long awaited report into the handling of the closure of the surgeries.

- Kirk Action Group

After a positive meeting with the HCA trustees and the Kirk Action group, the next steps would be securing a meeting with Jamie Whittle (lawyer), who has offered to help with the process of looking at a community buy out. It was confirmed that, although the belief



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is that the Kirk Clock Tower is owned by HCA, no documents have yet been found to support this.

ACTION: ACS to set up a meeting with Jamie Whittle.

9. Finance

John Butcher gave the report, noting that the balance, as of 25th June 2024 stood at £24,523.71, with outgoings including payment for the fencing around the boat area.

10. Any Other Business

- There was a discussion about catering vans at the beach, and it was agreed that, as a maximum of two vans had been agreed previously, a space was now open for the potential of the Tapas Van to come down.

ACTION: DS to get in touch with Tapas van. Agreed.

- Peter Goodwin gave an update about Ethan Hendry, namely that he will compete in the Scottish Championships in September. PG also advertised community litter pick on the Wednesday.



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11. Date of Next Meeting

With wishes for a relaxing summer break and an enjoyable Gala, the next meeting was set for Thursday 29th August 2024.

Meeting closed: 20:24