



HOPEMAN Community Association

AGENDA FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 30th May 7pm - 8.30pm

1. Sederunt:

Dennis Slater (DS), John Butcher (JBT), Adam Csenki (ACS), Janice Craib (JCR), Rhona Grant (RG), Sandy More (SM), Maggie Taylor (MT), Pedro Abreu, Mary MacDonald (MMD), Cllr Neil Cameron, Ness Tunggal (NT), Jack Wood, Carol Wood, Catherine Main, Lesley McPherson, Pat MacKay, Peter Goodwin, Norma McPherson, Jennifer Middlecoat (JMC), Paul King,

2. Apologies

Pat Bray, Alix Dewhurst, Rev Jenny Adams, Stevie McPherson, Cllr Bridget Mustard, Dave Ball, Murray Easton, John Bray, Mandy Butcher, Rhona Grant, Ken MacDonald, Xander Craib, John Tulloch (JT)

DS welcomed all to the meeting, opening with remembering the family of Annette Ralph and the family of Peggy Young. The committee's deepest sympathies were also shared for Pat and John Bray on the news of their sudden and unexpected bereavement.

3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting

The minutes of April's meeting were accepted after MMD proposed and SM seconded.



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4. Correspondence

a. Letter from David Smith

A letter from Mr David Smith of Ottawa, Canada, was read out, thanking two members of the community for showing him and his son around Hopeman, as his great-great-uncle Henry Eric Clark's name appears on the plaque outside the Hall, having been killed in action in 1917 after emigrating to Canada.

b. Fire Break

The trustees noted the correspondence about widening the fire breaks; this cannot be done until after the nesting season, i.e. after September.

5. Matters Arising from previous minutes

a. Beach Work

DS recounted the Beach Tidy Up morning, noting a great turnout with lots of jobs completed, many thanks to all who gave up their time. After asking to have the bank near the ice house trimmed, this has now been done.

b. Defib Update

DS noted that the defibrillator outside the Hall has been fitted and a maintenance contract has been signed with Kieran's Legacy. The one sponsored by JT has been serviced, thanks was given from the committee for this.

6. New items for discussion

a. Ice House

The broken window at the Ice House was noted and the glass has been ordered (XC is moving this forward).



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b. Hopeman Kirk

The committee were made aware of the upcoming meeting on 10th June of the Kirk Session, in which the vote to dispose of Hopeman and Spynie Kirks would take place. After a lengthy discussion, including voices from the Kirk Action Group and others, it was agreed that HCA begin the process of lodging a Community Right to Buy application for Hopeman Kirk. This would be a no-obligation 'pre-emptive right that allows communities across Scotland to apply to register a community interest in land or buildings, and to be given the right of first refusal should the landowner decide to put the land up for sale.'¹

ACTION: Trustees to meet with the Kirk Action Group as soon as possible.

7. External Reports

a. Councillors' Report

The committee welcomed back NC after 10 months in hospital. NC offered to help with:

- Getting the black bins at the beach delivered
- Chasing up the reimbursement for the path repair
- Asking for 2 new stands for the green bins, one at the pavilion and one at the skatepark.

b. Planning Applications

- Replacement utility room at 67 Forsyth Street
- Outflow pipe maintenance work at the beach

ACTION: ACS to email to ask them to leave the beach as they find it, unlike last time.

¹ <https://www.gov.scot/policies/land-reform/community-right-to-buy/>



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8. Sub Committee Reports (by exception)

- Memorial Hall

An email from JBR was read out, detailing that:

- Roof repairs are complete: £90
- Fire alarm fault repair: £460 (less than expected)
- Other alarm repairs are potentially required, will update in due course, but expected cost of £1600 + VAT.
- Playing Field & Beach,

ACS informed the committee that Beach Hut 39 has been transferred to Mandy Tough, after David Hanson gave up his lease.

A new fencing quote for around £1500 for the space around the boat at the beach was agreed.

- Gala

JMC outlined the preparations for the 50th Anniversary Gala which is getting more and more engagement. The Gala Queen and Princesses have been appointed after a difficult process as all children were fantastic, with love and pride for the village shining through in the applications. The Gala team is trying to contact all Gala Royalty since 1974 for a grand parade; the kartie race and pram race were also advertised.

- 200 Committee, Floral Committee, Community Garden

The pond is in the community garden, with local groups having been down doing landscaping work. A sign is up for safety. The floral group has been successful in their funding bid and new tubs will be ordered. Thanks was given to NT for the donation of the flowers.

ACTION: DS to try and get the youth justice team to clear the path down to the car park.



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DS mentioned the propeller blade as a memorial for Hopeman which has been installed outside of the Black Sheddie. A discussion was had as to whether a flower bed or tubs should also be installed there. A call was put out to bring any hanging baskets to the costcutter.

ACTION: ACS to create a Facebook post.

- SOS Group

The committee were informed of the ongoing progress of the SOS group, including:

- The Scottish Rural Association are helping to coordinate similar groups and are offering support,
- The Cabinet Secretary has accepted the recommendations and the IJB should now open discussions with the SOS group.

The goals of the group were shared, namely to get a health professional into Burghead (as soon as possible) and to establish a health hub in Hopeman (long term goal).

- Kirk Action Group

As above, pt.6b

9. Finance

JBT gave the report, attached as a separate document.

10. Any Other Business

- The scourge of fly tipping was mentioned, unfortunately, there is little that the community is able to do. The idea of a sign on the bins was mooted.
- It was noted that Andrew Anderson would be making gates at the grass near the skate park to prevent camper vans from overnighing there.



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- The playpark equipment was mentioned, and NC offered to find out more about funding to update / replace it.
- The beach path at East Beach is difficult to get down for some less mobile folk; DS offered to get in touch with someone who could help smooth it out.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for June 27th 2024, 7pm in the Hall.

Meeting closed 8.32pm