



HOPEMAN Community Association

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 25th September 2025 7pm - 8.30pm

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John Butcher (JBT), Adam Csenki (ACS), Mandy Butcher (MBT), Pat Bray (PBR), Kate Mathieson, Janice Craib, Jack Wood, Isa Aitkenhead, Jeanette McKee, Maggie Taylor, Zander Craib (ZC), Cllr Neil Cameron, Cllr Bridget Mustard, Ness Tunngall (NT), J Wilkes, Lucy Morrison, James Ferguson, Wilma Ferguson, Cllr James Allan, Catherine Main, Jim McPherson (JMP)

2. Apologies: Jennifer Middlecote, Pedro Abreu, Ian Ralph

As the Chair and Vice-Chair were absent, the floor nominated John Butcher to chair the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved after PBR proposed and Kate Mathieson seconded.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Outdoor Gym update (NT)

- Funding target hit last week, with main donors including Baxters, West Beach Caravan Park and Tulloch's.
- Moray Council has started the procurement which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Thanks to everyone.

The committee approved releasing £3000 from HCA funds to cover the grant from Baxter which will only be released after the project is complete.



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6. SCIO update and Transfer of the Memorial Hall (JBT)

- HCA has three months to complete the transfer of assets and wind up the charity.
- Paperwork still to be completed includes notifying insurance, amending the agreement with Moray Council concerning the Playing Field and issuing new Beach Hut Stance contracts in the name of the new SCIO.
- The solicitor has confirmed that the Memorial Hall title deeds are held by the one remaining post holder from the original gifting of the land, namely Mrs Naomi McKinlay in her role as the Minister of Hopeman Baptist Church. It would be in HCA's interest that this title be transferred to the SCIO Trustees, and talks have begun to secure this.

ACTION: Mrs McKinlay to be invited to the next Hall Meeting to discuss next steps.

7. External Reports

a. Councillors' Report

- Maintenance of the speed warning camera to be chased up
- Moray Engage website launched, please use!
- Pickylaw path has been cleared by the Community Justice Team, many thanks.
- Council to get in touch with the owner of the steppies up from the Chippy to repair.

b. Planning Applications

None relevant.



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8. Sub Committee Reports (by exception)

a) Memorial Hall (PBR)

- A building conservation civil engineer has looked at the Hall roof and noted the main issues including stone replacement, water ingress and cracked slates.
- Thanks to all who attended the 100 year display.

b) Playing Field & Beach (JBT)

- Meeting with Beach Hut Stance leaseholders planned for Sat 25th October 2:30pm to hear views on leases going forward
- All Hopeman residents will be invited to the next monthly meeting to share their views on Beach Huts going forward
- Three outstanding rental payments: 5% fine notices have been issued in line with the contracts.

c) Skate Park (IR by email)

- John Tulloch will provide access to repair the floodlight with ZC helping.
- Repairs are ongoing.

d) Gala (JMP)

- Convenor, Bar manager and secretary are needed. No update on the amount of profit made yet.

e) Floral Committee

- A huge amount of work has been done over the summer, but now concerned about the lack of younger folk coming forward to continue into the future.
- The signs at the beach could do with a rebrand with the information about the gifting of the land to be made more prominent.



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f) Kirk Group

- The last that was heard, the Kirk is going to close 'quite soon'.
- NT volunteered to help with a contact at TSI Moray as if a community buyout is wanted, a business plan for taking the building on is the next step.

9. Finance

See attached report.

The Committee agreed that the remaining money from the Ceilidh should be transferred to Hall Repairs Account now that the outdoor gym funding is complete.

10. Any Other Business

- A key register should be kept as required for insurance purposes for all HCA keys. ACTION: ACS to make a register
- JC agreed to order a wreath for Remembrance Sunday
- NT offered to help with getting the Youth Club idea off the ground
- The Saturday Talent Show was advertised.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday October 30th **at a later time of 7:30**, meeting closed 20:20