



HOPEMAN Community Association

AGENDA FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 27th March 2025

1. Sederunt

Wanda Clark, Pedro Abreu, John Butcher, John Clark, Mandy Butcher, Sandy More, Maggie Taylor, Jim Mcpherson, Rhona Grant (RG), Mary MacDonald, Jim Ferguson, Wilma Ferguson, Jack Ward, Willy MacKenzie, Dennis Slater (DS), Peter Goodwin, Norma McPherson, Fiona Wilkes, Janice Craib, James Allan, John Tulloch, Syanness Tungall (SYT), Elaine Stockdale

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting

The committee reaffirmed its stance that no bush should be cut down at the East beach car park.

4. Correspondence

A donation given to the flower committee and a donation from Isabella Main who sadly passed away recently.

Chair gave thanks for this and also noted that we have lost a number of people from our community in the last month and are thoughts are extended to the families of:

Daniel Tolmie, Isabella Main, Morag MacLennan and Victor Heron.

5. Matters Arising from previous minutes

a) Bowling Club lease extension

Meeting held with members of the bowling club, discussion around the lease and area of land. Lease will be extended for 99 years with 99p a year cost. Trustees agreed 18 months should be the term of notice if the land is to be taken back to HCA. Chair has emailed a decision to members of the Bowling Club and awaits a response.



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b) Youth Space

Youth Space – Hopeman Sands café have agreed to open in the evening for our youth to attend, Chair to follow up and set date. Chair visited schools and met Headteachers and will be visiting after Easter to talk to the children about this opportunity. Discussed a longer term vision of how the youth could work with HCA. There are groups of young people currently fundraising for their trip abroad and Isla Dora is also holding a coffee morning for the Ladybird group on Saturday 19th April, please go along if you can to support her.

c) Outdoor Gym

Thanks to SYT who has already completed most of the work on this project. Discussed routes- Council or HCA to maintain – it was agreed that we would take the council route as it is more beneficial with tax relief and maintenance being organised by the council. SYT is currently fundraising for the equipment.

6. New items for discussion

a) Fundraising Activities and Coordinator

Discussed a general need for someone who is experienced in completing large funding applications, all to talk to friends and identify people to ascertain if anyone could help with this. ACS has created a calendar for all activities, so we all have a view on the activities as a whole HCA. Before this goes as a link to everyone at the moment could every group please send ACS their dates and events so we can capture all the good work that is happening and make sure there are no clashes. Hall coffee morning on 10th May will be for VE Day. Pavilion tombola 10am on Friday 11th April.



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b) VE Day Celebration

RG explained the events which are happening locally: 8th May – discussion around ideas for the evening in Hopeman. Decision was made to:

Church bells ringing 7pm

Lights procession from Church to beach (pipers to walk with us playing and then playing on beach) and return to Memorial Hall.

Memories shared.

Teas and coffees, games for children/ families – Children's Bingo?

Saturday 9th May – Ceilidh and Stovies in the Hall

ACTION: Helpers needed, please let us know if you can help or signpost anyone to play pipes, has a memory of the time etc. Everyone to encourage neighbours and friends to come along.

7. External Reports

a. Councillors' Report

Schools for the future – link live until Monday to complete and have your say about Moray council schools. The council is looking into the ASG and reviewing schools and their numbers. ASN review link also open until Monday. Links are on Moray Council Facebook page.

Please go on and have a say about our local schools. Bus service to Lossiemouth starts on 1st May – Ness has the timetable on the shop notice board.

b. Planning Applications

None relevant



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8. Sub Committee Reports (by exception)

- Memorial Hall

The committee continues to try to get quotes for the roof. The group is also still looking for a depute convenor to support the group going forward. Discussion around 20% discretionary relief rates and Cllr James Allen stated that he did not see any change in this that this would remain the same as last year.

- Pavilion

The repair of door frames will be completed; firebreaks have been completed with advice from Fire service followed. Road and yellow lines – DS continues to follow up on the yellow lines from Beech Terrace into Sea Park, this has been an issue now for a long time. However, it is still a very dangerous situation, children coming up from the beach or people walking along could easily be hurt. DS to continue to try and ask the council to action this. In the meantime, yellow lines and no parking signs will be installed before the summer influx of people.

- Gala

Programme is coming together of events, similar to last year. Lots going on. Waiting to hear from skate park if it can be used for a competition, Moray Firth mermaid to attend, need help for coffee mornings and photos. John Clark, Sofia and George Taylor could help with photos. Date for sharing of programme is during Royalty selection – end of May. Sofia will post on Facebook.

- Floral

Fencing by the skate park, one side has a fence but the other side is being walked over and dogs using it. DS to contact Chris Coleman and try to get a fence for the other side and discuss the hill at edge which is very steep.



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- Kirk Group

Meeting for Kirk group with church officials on 24th April to discuss plans. Board will then feedback to HCA.

- SOS

Scottish Government are willing to look into the proposed project once their budget has been finalised.

9. Finance

Accounts now cleared from auditors and will be uploaded to OSCR. JBT needs September 24 bank statement from each sub group which has a bank account- please sent to him asap. Thanks to donation for flower committee and to Isabella and her family. Clock tower maintenance is paid.

10. Any Other Business

Thanks to Pedro for cutting grass in wooden play park in Meadow gardens and for maintaining this area. Cllr James Allen will investigate and try to arrange a black bin for the area.

Cllr James Allen updated the group with the fact that the budget has just been agreed today.

Hasbro have acknowledged our letter regarding Hopeman monopoly and will get back to us with a reply.

11. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th April, 7pm in the Hall