



HOPEMAN Community Association

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

22nd January 2026

1. Sederunt: Wilma Ferguson, James Ferguson, Leila Anderson, Pat Bray, Alan Munsie, Peter Goodwin, Janice Craib, Lesley McPherson, Debbie Inglis, Justine East, Annette Gault, Karen Fiske, Kathryn Buchanan, Thurza Fraser, Mandy Butcher, James McPherson, Dennis Slater, Donald Beattie, Catherine Main, Rhona Grant, Elaine Stockdale, Maggie Taylor, Margaret Young, Marion Conti, Ellen Stewart, Kate Mathieson, John Massie, Stevie McPherson, Iain Lunan, John Butcher, Ness Tungal.
2. Apologies: Zander Craib, Sandy Main, Malcolm Brown, John Cowe, Neil Cameron, Rod & Lucy McKenzie, Gerry McAllister, Mary & Ken McDonald, Bailie Anderson, Pedro Abreu, Douglas Campbell, Lucy Morrison, Denise McFarlane, John Tulloch.
3. Minutes of previous committee meeting: Approved by Pat Bray and seconded by Lesley McPherson
4. Correspondence: Moray council have raised discrepancy of owners of beach huts no9 And 36 Once we get key to file we will update them.
 - Storage enquiry from paddleboarding club members confirmed that it is Moray council that deal with that not HCA, response will be given to the club.
 - Memorial bench enquiry by family of David and Colin Taylor there are dedicated benches for this. Ness will contact Mary McDonald who coordinates these to reply with further action.
 - Carol Thompson has mentioned she had asked in last issue of Nae Excuse if people still want to receive it, no feedback so far.
5. External Reports:
 - Councillors Reports



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6. Matters Arising from previous meeting:

- Ness and Debbie on behalf of the new board of trustees met with Murray for a little briefing. Background of change of statue with SCIO was explained (this is linked to liabilities)
- Two of the sub committees have updated their members list, the memorial hall and the floral committee.

7. New Items:

- It was proposed that we appoint somebody to manage social media and website and since Pedro has already been dealing with it, it was proposed he carry on, this was approved.
- It was proposed committee room will be used more regularly by board of trustees in the future, Ness proposed putting constitution etc outside committee room, Ness also mentioned she may work from committee room once a week (one internet is sorted) Pat Bray requested the hall committee be informed so no clashes with use of room.

8. Sub Committee Reports & Accounts:

- Memorial Hall: Pat Bray reported Roof repairs 1st stage completed and paid 2nd phase April/may weather dependant. Hall committee to meet feb after Panto and Fashion show.
- Playing Field & Beach: No report
- Pavilion Sports Hub: Iain Lunan reported Walter has stepped down Angie taking over. Repairs are being carried out gutters, tiles, lights. Issue raised about access to CCTV which Iain will update at next meeting.
- Skate Park: Ian Ralph hasn't attended a few meetings so we will try get an update on repairs etc.
- Gala: Katheryn gave updates Gala is to be a scaled back version on 11th-18th July with the harbour night being the finale night and flower show being moved to a different weekend there will be a memorial for Marion Ingram.
- Floral Committee: Nothing to report
- SOS Group, Kirk Group: No report

- Youth Group: Lucy is away but gave updates they hope to run 1 year pilot for high school age once PVG's sought. Question arose on whether HCA should be registered for PVG for our volunteers, also will need safeguarding policies, hope to have more updates soon.
- Bowling club: Refurb in Feb, consider setting up of time tree app calendar so events don't clash.

9. Finance: New bank accounts are being looked into by Debbie.

- Solicitor bill has been received and will be paid. We need to confirm transfer of finance and assets to the solicitor so he can upload info to SCIO.
- As for transfer of assets, we still have the issue of the hall. Murray will assist in discussion with solicitors to find a way forward. Murray has also confirmed he is happy to do our accounts for last financial year including the transition period between OSCR and SCIO.

10. Any Other Business: The old phone kiosk has been repurposed with books.

- The Internet in the memorial hall is awaiting open reach to be fixed.
- Letter will be sent to Graham Rattray thanking him for the new roof on black sheddie at no cost to us!
- The removal of the plaque on the flagpole will be replaced with a new one by the HCA.
- Ness brought up the fact that one of the mandates of the constitution is linked to heritage. She would like to see Hopeman heritage revitalised and people made aware of it, not just stories but the physical structures, can this be added to the gala programme? Kathryn and Iain agreed to head this for the gala.

11. Date of Next General Committee Meeting

The date of the next Committee Meeting was set for 26th February 2026 in the Memorial Hall.