

FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

GALA AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

AGM

11TH JANUARY, 2017, 8.00PM, 29 HIGH STREET, FOCHABERS

PRESENT: Liz Rennie, Iain Rennie, Alison Clavey John Wiles, Helen Morrison, Donald Cameron, Lorna Wheelan, Jane Williams, Gordon Christie, Una Hamilton, Sheila Gray, George McIntyre, Angus Gordon Lennox, Mark Macrae.

APOLOGIES: Sybil Stuart Caroline Leslie, Audrey Macaulay, Margo Howe, Frances Duncan, Roddy Munro Stewart Harris, Pat Jenkins, Emma Jenkins, George Turnbull, Jeremy Evans

1. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

The minute of the previous meeting, held 13th January, 2016, was approved by Alison Clavey.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Liz announced a very successful year with many activities including:

- Gala Weekend which raised £6536.
- Race Night which raised £1369 and was enjoyed by those who attended.
- Tombola which raised £623. This was very popular and it is hoped it will be regular event, perhaps every 3 months.
- Duck Race which is now a firm favourite
- MacMillan Lights, held on midsummer's night.
- Switching on of the Christmas lights in the Square. This event has been changed to a Saturday afternoon. Displays this year were limited by the work being carried out on Bellie Church Spire, The Institute and the primary school.
- The refurbishment of the hall also meant there was no Hogmanay Party to welcome 2017 but it is hoped this will continue this year. Liz thanked Caroline for her work in organising this event.

Liz thanked all who had helped to make these events successful. She also thanked individuals and businesses who contribute to the success of village events. These include Browns of Dipple, Duncans of Fochabers, Christies , Alan Macdonald, Mike Wilson, James Alexander, grant's Tents, The Fire Brigade, Kay Griffen for organising the pre-gala Quiz which gets people to explore the village in search of clues and shops in the village.

Liz expressed sadness at the death of Les Tombe who had been a stalwart of the Gala committee for many years. In addition to regular attendance at meetings when he offered advice and support, he worked tirelessly for the good of the village and will be missed. Condolences were sent to his family.

Condolences were also sent to Bill Royan whose wife died this year. Another stalwart of the committee, Bill enthusiastically organised the display of traction engines and the car/horse drawn carriage on Gal Sunday.

Liz thanked Alison, Vice Chair, Sybil, Secretary and Iain, treasurer, for their support throughout the year.

Thanks to everyone's efforts, the total raised was £9189. On 14th November £5000 was distributed among fourteen local groups and £2142 was donated to the hall fund.

Liz asked that members should think of ways to improve on the annual calendar and cited an example. It had been suggested that, rather than having a Gala Queen, the opportunity to play a leading role should also be available to boys . Primary school children were consulted and were in favour so this year a new format will be introduced.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Income - £9198

Sources – various events, collection boxes, Christmas open night.

Expenditure - £7047

Donations- £4980

Insurance - £1932

Special licence - £20

MC electric Christmas lights - £115

Balance: £2142

4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Alison Clavey Vice Chair

Sybil Stuart Secretary

Iain Rennie Treasurer

All three agreed to continue in post.

5. DATE OF MEETINGS

First meeting – 8th February, 8.00pm. Venue to be confirmed.

AGM 17th January, 2018 7.30pm the Public Institute

6. AOCB

Strictly Come Dancing

- 29th April. Hall is booked Friday-Sunday
- Lorna has experienced difficulty in finding a rehearsal space. Alan will check availability of 29 High Street.
- The group dance will be to songs from the movies.
- Ideally there should be 10 couples.

Liz thanked everyone for coming. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.