

**MINUTES OF GALA & EVENTS COMMITTEE,
FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

Charity No: SC044569

WEDNESDAY 17th AUGUST 2016

8:00 pm 29 HIGH STREET, FOCHABERS

CHAIRMAN: Elizabeth Rennie

PRESENT: Alison Clavey; Margo Howe; Donald Cameron; Sybil Stuart; Iain Rennie; Helen Morrison, Douglas Ross; Jane Williams; Elspeth Fordyce; George McIntyre; Bill Royan

APOLOGIES: Gordon Christie; Audrey MacAulay; Caroline Leslie

SUBJECT	DETAILS	ACTION
Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th June 2016 were approved. (Proposed by Helen Morrison and seconded by Alison Clavey)	
Matters Arising	Alison advised that £209 had been raised from the McMillan Summer Lights event A project to be set up with the Primary School for the changes to the Gala Queen format. Ideas to be brought to future meetings	
Correspondence	No correspondence	
Gala 2016	Thursday evening saw the gala off to a good start with the crowning of the Gala Queen, Ellie Wallace and Princesses Madeline McWilliam and Connie Whelan. The girls were beautifully turned out and arrived at the steps at the front of the church in a beautiful vintage car driven by Gordon McDonald. Following the crowning, the girls made the 6 monthly draw for the 300 club. Note for future draws – names need to be checked as there was an embarrassing incident during this draw. Everyone then made their way to the Institute, where a large number took part in the Tombola which for a second year running was very successful, with the prizes for the winners being vouchers for local shops, the majority of which were donated, so a huge thank you needs to be given to them. Friday evening kicked off with the duck race which started at the bridge by the Caravan Park. Roddy Munro set off the large raft ducks down the burn. This year they went a wee bit faster as there was more water. A large crowd watched the finish at West Street. A total of £525 was made from this event. The evening rounded off with a very successful quiz in the Institute.	

On Saturday morning the Bike Race took off and although there was a disappointing number of riders, it was enjoyed by them all. Fine weather in the afternoon encouraged a good number to partake of the Strawberry Teas and the Square was also very busy with the Active Schools Team offering challenges to the children which by the look of things were very much enjoyed. It was good to take part in shared working with the Fellowship Team from the Church and the Active Schools team.

In the evening there was another successful concert, run in conjunction with Speyfest, which was well attended. The semi-finalists in the Young Entertainer of the Year took part and the judges had a hard job sorting out the finalists. Entry was by donation which worked well

Sunday morning was very busy with setting up the square and thanks to all who turned up to help. Thanks too to Mike Wilson who collected the road signage from Keith and distributed round the various sites, in conjunction with The Moray Council. The Scouts erected the signs in place so thank too to them. It was a pity that the rain came on during this exercise but the show must go on and despite this, things were soon ready. It was encouraging to see a good turnout who enjoyed the entertainment laid on and took part in all the activities.

Special thanks were made to the roll cutting team. Asda Bakery to be thanked for their help. The barbecue was well received under the charge of Shona with her band of helpers. Liz to feed back to the butcher, as the burgers etc were very good both in value and taste.

Overall it was a successful weekend and a profit of £6400 was made. The majority of this will be distributed among local groups. Application forms, if not already received, can be obtained from Sybil Stuart at stuart882@btinternet.com or by phone 01343 820882.

We were very pleased to receive generous donations from all the local businesses. Letters have been sent out.

Points for discussion before next year's gala:

Bike Race – We need to look at the way ahead. Contact to be made with Forestry Commission and David Hay to be spoken to regarding bike contacts.

Bouncy Castles – Decide about the use next year with Jenny

We need to set the date for next year's gala but it was decided to wait until Speyfest had held their next meeting before committing to a date

	<p>The posters and face book advertising worked really well and doing the adverts for each day seemed to be successful. Thanks to Eve for doing these.</p> <p>Liz made reference to the fact that we are a small and diverse group of people and thanked all who helped in any way for the continued hard work and commitment.</p>	
Christmas Light switch on and Open Night	<p>A team is to be organised for slackening off the lights in the trees. Iain to arrange</p> <p>Shops to be contacted about opening for the Lights Switch On to gauge if there is enough interest to go ahead.</p> <p>Singing in the Square. Take Note to be contacted</p> <p>Gordon to contact Ronald Christie to see if he would be Santa again.</p> <p>Road closure request has been done.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Memory Candles would be available on the night.</p>	
Hogmanay Family Ceilidh	Deferred for 2016 due to hall renovation	
Fund Raising	<p>Strictly Come Dancing</p> <p>Lorna to be contacted to defer the Strictly Come Dancing until later in 2017.</p>	SS
Meeting Dates	<p>Future Dates</p> <p>5th October 2016</p> <p>16th November 2016</p> <p>11 January 2017 – This is now a joint meeting with Village Association and will comprise of Annual Meeting and VA AGM</p> <p>Christmas Night</p> <p>2nd December 2016</p> <p>Hogmany Ceilidh</p> <p>Cancelled</p> <p>Strictly Come Dancing</p> <p>Deferred</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting is Wednesday 5th October 2016 in 29 High Street, Fochabers at 8 p.m. – Please note change of venue</p> <p>Future meetings to be advertised in the Northern Scot. E-mail to newsdesk@northernscot.co.uk by Tuesday of the week prior to the meeting.</p>	ALL