

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

Charity No: SC044569

WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2016

8:00 pm FIRLANDS, LENNOX CRESCENT, FOCHABERS

CHAIRMAN: Elizabeth Rennie

PRESENT: Alison Clavey; Donald Cameron; Sybil Stuart; Iain Rennie;
Elsbeth Fordyce; Audrey MacAulay; Lorna Whelan

APOLOGIES: Emma Jenkins; Pat Jenkins; Douglas Ross; Helen
Morrison; Gordon Christie; Caroline Leslie; Jane Williams

SUBJECT	DETAILS	ACTION
Tributes	<p>Since our last meeting we have had some sad news. Our thoughts are with Bill Royan, whose wife, Sandra, passed away on 7th September 2016.</p> <p>And</p> <p>One of our Village Association Members, Les Tombe, passed away 19th September and it is fitting that we pay tribute to him. Les was a valued member of the Village Association. Until recent times he attended meetings regularly along with Edgar, where he was a canny, consistent member who had the ability to get his opinion across in a quiet but efficient way. Les was worldly wise, his background of travel in the Navy as an engineer and his subsequent work history once back on dry land, brought a rich tapestry of experience to all matters of Community business.</p> <p>Most of all, Les, along with Clair, Edgar and James, was a hard worker. We all know how much we have appreciated the efforts of "Team Tombe" at Gala Events – setting up tents, moving furniture - to name a few of the jobs he undertook, and always in the jeep with one arm out of the window! Without doubt we missed that this year as Les' illness progressed.</p> <p>In addition to the V.A, Les was as hard a worker for Speyfest and of course the local Scout Movement.</p> <p>We will miss his wisdom, his encouragement, and his loyal commitment to Community matters. We are grateful for all he has done and as a V.A., I'm sure you would wish to express our kindest thoughts and wishes to Clair, Edger James and Family at this time.</p>	
Minutes	Due to a double booking at 29 High Street, this meeting was held at Firlands, Fochabers	

	Minutes of the meeting held on 17 th August 2016 were approved. (Proposed by Donald Cameron and seconded by Elspeth Fordyce)	
Matters Arising	No matters arising	
Correspondence	E-mail was received from Heidi Kindall-Elcock, Chair of Milne's Primary Parent Council with a request that the Parent Council be allowed to take part in the Christmas Night. Liz to respond to Heidi's e-mail.	ER
Christmas Light switch on and Open Night	<p>Due to the work ongoing at the Church, concern was raised about the scaffolding still being in place at the time of the switch on. It is due to be dismantled at the end of November but we need to be aware that the church steps may not be free. However an electric supply can be run from the church and the entertainment will take place in front of the fountain.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the change of date and time for the Christmas Light switch on.</p> <p>Alison asked, that in conjunction with Small Business Saturday, the switch on of the lights be changed to the afternoon of Saturday 3rd December, 2016.</p> <p>Before agreeing to go ahead with the change, Alison is to contact the businesses in the village to get their opinion and Sybil is to contact Denise Brown, Take Note and James Alexander, Fochabers Fiddlers to see if they would be free to play in the afternoon.</p> <p>If this is agreed, events in the Square will start with entertainment from 3:30 onwards with the lights being switched on at 4:00. This means that the Parent Council could have the use of 29 High Street for their craft tables etc. A bottle stall will be set up in Gordon's Office.</p> <p>3rd December 2016 is the date of the Autumn Club Christmas Lunch and Sybil to liaise with Denise to ensure that the Autumn Club members will be there to enjoy the events. It was suggested that Santa pay a visit to the party.</p> <p>Fire Service to be consulted to see that they will be available.</p> <p>Gala Queen and Princesses to be contacted for their availability.</p> <p>Heritage to be contacted to see if they would be willing to open.</p> <p>Following the success of the Memory Candles for MacMillan in the summer, Candles and the Memory Book will be available from 3 p.m. onwards, with money raised from the candles going to MacMillan.</p> <p>Poster to be done the same as last year.</p> <p>All information with regard to the change of date to be collated by 17th October.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>SS</p> <p>SS</p> <p>ER</p> <p>SS</p>
Gala	The following grant applications have been received and the amounts awarded are also listed: Fochabers Public Institute £2000	

	<p>Fochabers Community Lunch Club £250</p> <p>Fochabers Heritage £130</p> <p>Fochabers Autumn Club £200</p> <p>Fochabers Football Club £100</p> <p>Scottish Womens Institute £150</p> <p>St Mary's Church £250</p> <p>Fochabers Men's Sheds £400</p> <p>Dance with Lorna £200 ***</p> <p>Fochabers in Bloom £400</p> <p>Total Grants approved to date £4080</p> <p>A donation of £200 has been made to Bellie Church for the use of the hall during Gala Weekend</p> <p>A letter was received from Friends of Bellie Churchyard thanking us for the grant form but that they wouldn't be applying for a grant.</p> <p>A form was sent late to the Primary School with apologies for the delay.</p> <p>As no application form had been received from the Brownies, Alison to contact them.</p> <p>Letters to be sent out inviting representatives to attend the next meeting on 16th November 2016 at Gordon Christies Office at 52 High Street for 8 p.m. Northern Scot to be contacted for a photographer.</p>	
Hogmanay Family Ceilidh	Deferred for 2016 due to hall renovation	
Fund Raising	<p>Strictly Come Dancing</p> <p>Lorna Whelan attended the meeting and has been invited to serve on the committee.</p> <p>Strictly Come Dancing is to take place on Saturday 29th April 2017. Sybil to book hall for all day Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th morning.</p> <p>The event is for funds towards the hall refurbishments.</p> <p>Lorna is to charge of everything to do with the dancing but there is to be sub-group to be set up to organise all the other arrangements.</p> <p>Previous contacts are:</p> <p>Kevin Smith for lighting</p> <p>Ian Clavey for sound</p> <p>The previous event had a buffet supper but it was felt that this was a lot of work. A suggestion of having sausage rolls was made and as this is a ticketed event, numbers would be easy to cater for.</p> <p>Iain Rennie is to apply for licence</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>SS</p> <p>SS</p> <p>LW</p> <p>IR</p>

	<p>Alison is organising the raffle Lorna will contact the judges. Rehearsals are to start w/c 9th January 2017, venues to be confirmed.</p>	<p>AC LW</p>
<p>Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Future Dates 16th November 2016 11th January 2017 – This is now a joint meeting with Village Association and will comprise of Annual Meeting and VA AGM</p> <p>Christmas Lights Switch On Proposal to move to 3rd December 2016 3:30 to 4:30p.m.</p> <p>Hogmany Ceilidh Cancelled</p> <p>Strictly Come Dancing Saturday 29th April 2017</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:50 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday 16th November 2016 in 52 High Street, (Gordon's Office) Fochabers at 8 p.m. – Please note change of venue</p> <p>Future meetings to be advertised in the Northern Scott. E-mail to newsdesk@northernscot.co.uk by Tuesday of the week prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p>