

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

Charity No: SC044569

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

**8:00 pm 52 HIGH STREET, FOCHABERS**

**CHAIRMAN:** Elizabeth Rennie

**PRESENT:** Alison Clavey; Donald Cameron; Sybil Stuart; Iain Rennie;  
Elspeth Fordyce; Lorna Whelan; George McIntyre; Gordon  
Christie; Jane Williams; Pat Jenkins; Helen Morrison;  
Emma Jenkins

**APOLOGIES:** Douglas Ross; Audrey MacAulay; Caroline Leslie;

SUBJECT	DETAILS	ACTION																														
<b>Grants</b>	<p>Liz Rennie opened the meeting by welcoming representatives from the successful Grant Applicants. Apologies were received from Gary Burchell and Kay Griffin.</p> <p>A total of £4880 was paid out</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>FOCHABERS IN BLOOM</td> <td align="right">£400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOCHABERS COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB</td> <td align="right">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOCHABERS HERITAGE</td> <td align="right">£130.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOCHABERS AUTUMN CLUB</td> <td align="right">£200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FC FOCHABERS</td> <td align="right">£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOCHABERS &amp; DISTRICT SWI</td> <td align="right">£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOCHABERS PUBLIC INSTITUTE</td> <td align="right">£2000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ST MARY'S CHURCH</td> <td align="right">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MILNE'S PRIMARY 7 ENTERPRISE</td> <td align="right">£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOCHABERS EXPLORERS AND SCOUTS</td> <td align="right">£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOCHABERS 2<sup>ND</sup> BROWNIES</td> <td align="right">£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DANCE WITH LORNA</td> <td align="right">£200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOCHABERS MEN'S SHEDS</td> <td align="right">£400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BELLIE CHURCH TOWER</td> <td align="right">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SPEY RUNNERS</td> <td align="right">£50.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Plus a donation of £200 has been made to Bellie Church for the use of the hall during Gala Weekend</p> <p>Some grants were received late and although we endeavoured to award the grant requested, in some cases the amount was reduced.</p> <p>Thanks was given to all for their help throughout the year and especially for Gala Weekend.</p>	FOCHABERS IN BLOOM	£400.00	FOCHABERS COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB	£250.00	FOCHABERS HERITAGE	£130.00	FOCHABERS AUTUMN CLUB	£200.00	FC FOCHABERS	£100.00	FOCHABERS & DISTRICT SWI	£150.00	FOCHABERS PUBLIC INSTITUTE	£2000.00	ST MARY'S CHURCH	£250.00	MILNE'S PRIMARY 7 ENTERPRISE	£100.00	FOCHABERS EXPLORERS AND SCOUTS	£300.00	FOCHABERS 2 <sup>ND</sup> BROWNIES	£100.00	DANCE WITH LORNA	£200.00	FOCHABERS MEN'S SHEDS	£400.00	BELLIE CHURCH TOWER	£250.00	SPEY RUNNERS	£50.00	
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<b>Minutes</b>	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved. (Proposed by Alison Clavey and seconded by Elspeth Fordyce)</p>																															

<b>Matters Arising</b>	No matters arising	
<b>Correspondence</b>	An invitation was received from Moray Community Planning Partnership to their AGM on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016. It was felt that this wasn't anything that the Village Association should be involved in.	
<b>Christmas Light switch on and Open Night</b>	<p>Following the last meeting Alison Clavey had contacted all shops and the feedback was that they were pleased that the Switch on was being changed to Saturday afternoon.</p> <p>Jane Williams is to do leaflets (fliers) for shops as a reminder.</p> <p>The Christmas Window letters are out and there will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> certificates for both shops and houses. Susie Burchell plus one other will do the judging.</p> <p>The lights are to be put up on the lamp-posts on 19/20 November. There will be no lights on The Church or The Institute due to building works. The lights in the trees are to be checked w/c 28/12/16. The Bunting is to be taken down.</p> <p>Due to the work at the Church, it was agreed that the entertainment be moved to the opposite side of the Square and that power could be taken from the lamp-post there</p> <p>Sybil Stuart has spoken Denise Brown for Take Note, Fire Station and James Alexander. James will provide the equipment for the music but will not be available. Neil Brown has agreed to set it up. He will contact Fochabers Fiddler and advise Mhairi McLennan of the change of date.</p> <p>The Town Bell is to be collected from The Museum. Gala Queen and Princesses to be contacted. 300 Club draw to be done earlier in the day with the winners announced in the afternoon along with the Christmas Display window winners. Iain is to supply the sweets for Santa.</p> <p>Some of the Village Association available to switch on lights.</p> <p>Timetable for afternoon:  3 pm Candles for McMillan  3:30-3:45 Fochabers Fiddlers  3:50-4:00 Take Note  4:00 Switch on of lights  4:05 Winners announced  4:10 Arrival of Santa on Fire Engine</p> <p>Liz Rennie to do a report for Northern Scot</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>SS</p>

	Gordon filled in the form for the lights from Council	
<b>Fund Raising</b>	<p><b>Strictly Come Dancing</b> Rehearsals are to start w/com 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Scout Hall or 29 High Street. Lorna Whelan will confirm.</p> <p>Sybil Stuart to contact Sid Whyte to see if he would be happy to do the catering for the night.</p> <p>Jane Williams offered to do the posters and tickets.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>SS</p> <p>JW</p>
<b>AOCB</b>	<p>Suggestion to have Colours in Fochabers along the same lines as in Forres but it was felt that this would cost too much to put on but it was agreed to look at projecting a film on some of the buildings</p> <p>The lights on the trees are to be checked too as it might be that they are being stretched too far. Possibly change to laser lights</p>	
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<p><b>Future Dates</b> 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – This is now a joint meeting with Village Association and will comprise of Annual Meeting and VA AGM</p> <p>Strictly Come Dancing Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017</p>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in <b>29 High Street, Fochabers at 8 p.m. This is Annual Meeting and will be incorporated in the Village Association AGM.</b></p> <p>Future meetings to be advertised in the Northern Scott. E-mail to <a href="mailto:newsdesk@northernscot.co.uk">newsdesk@northernscot.co.uk</a> by Tuesday of the week prior to the meeting.</p>	ALL