

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

Charity No: SC044569

WEDNESDAY 16th AUGUST 2017

8:00 pm INSTITUTE, FOCHABERS

CHAIRMAN: Elizabeth Rennie

PRESENT: Alison Clavey; Iain Rennie; Gordon Christie; Helen Morrison; Sybil Stuart; Elspeth Fordyce; Una Hamilton; George McIntyre; Shona Morrison

APOLOGIES: Audrey MacCauley; Jane Williams, Lorna Whelan; Donald Cameron

| SUBJECT | DETAILS | ACTION |
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| Lennox Community Council | Liz welcomed Lynn Duncan from Lennox Community Council who gave an outline on the work of the Council and let us know that nominations were required to serve on the council. Members serve 4 years on the council and represent Portgordon, Spey Bay, Clochan, Fochabers. The council represents the community in discussion with Police, Moray Councillors, High School etc and meet once a month. If you fancy a new challenge or wish to get involved or know someone who is community minded, further information is available on posters and leaflets | |
| Minutes | Minutes from 14 th June 2017 were approved by Alison Clavey and seconded by Elspeth Fordyce. | |
| Matters Arising | No matters arising | |
| Treasurers Report | Iain gave an update of the monies from the Gala. The surplus is down a bit on last year but this was thought to be due to income for the bar from the Quiz and Concert going to hall income and not to the Gala. We also had to pay for the use of the hall this year. There will be approx. £4500 to be offered in grants. | |
| Correspondence | No correspondence | |
| Gala Feedback | VIPs There was a big change this year with having VIP's in place of the Gala Queen but it went well. The voting system at the Primary School work well. The size of the rosettes is to be reduced but the trophies were okay. TOMBOLA We were pleased to get all the prizes donated. There were some sausage rolls left which were used at the Quiz. | |

DUCK RACE

This was great fun and plans are already afoot for 2018. Thanks to Alison for this.

QUIZ

There was a healthy turn out of teams. The questions were good this year and not too difficult as the marks were good. It was felt that if the questions are too difficult, it puts people off going. The money from the bar went to the hall.

JUNIOR RACE

Grace Whelan was thanked for organising this. It was successful with the kids enjoying the races and looking to do it again. Note for next year to have bottled water and bananas available for the runners. The Fire Brigade were in attendance.

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately, this didn't go ahead as we had no response from the Schools Active Co-ordinator. However, any children who turned up were welcomed in the Church Hall where access to garden was allowed and great fun was had by all who did this.

STRAWBERRY TEAS

This was very busy and thanks have been sent to the ladies of the Church Fellowship thanking them for organising the event.

CONCERT

There wasn't a large turnout for this year's concert but it does depend on who was competing. There was the added attraction of a concert in Inverness which a lot of the youngsters were at. The money from the bar went to the hall.

HILL RACE

The race again this year was well organised and the VA provided token gesture of vouchers for the winners. The race had been started before the VIP's went down to start it but went back and presented the prizes. It was agreed that we negotiate with the committee for 2018.

GALA

Due to the adverse weather conditions, the decision was made to move the activities from the Square to the hall. The footballers were a great help in setting things up and the scouts were there too. We need to decide for next year whether we need them there so early.

Moving to the hall was successful but there are a few things which could have been done differently. It was agreed that after the new committee is elected next year, that plans A and B be created to cover both The Square and The Hall.

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| | <p>Shona Morrison did a great job on the barbecue and we were pretty close for numbers. The burgers from the butcher were very good. Thanks to Alison and Audrey for cutting the buns. The stages worked well for both the dancers and the musicians. Thank you letters and grant applications have been sent out, with the applications to be back to SS by 30th September.</p> <p>A grant form to be sent to Gordon Chapel although they were unable to help this year.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Ewan MacDonald via Bill Royan for the use of the cars and to Julie for attending to the VIPs.</p> <p>A letter to be sent to Spey Valley Vintage Engine and Tractor Club for the display of tractors following their road run. They were magnificent and proved a great attraction.</p> <p>Thank you letter to be done for Kennel Cuts</p> <p>Liz finished by thanking everyone for their help for another successful gala weekend.</p> | |
| Future events | <p>1st December 2017 – Christmas Tombola – hall to be booked 2nd December 2017 – Christmas Lights switch on – SS to contact Autumn Club to check date for their lunch</p> <p>Murder Mystery – Audrey suggested this and will come with more information to the next meeting</p> <p>No event organised for Hogmany this year. Feelers are to go out to see if there is an appetite for an event for 2018. As there is a bar now in the hall, this would not be a bring your own bottle event and a licence would need to be applied for. It was suggested that the evening run from 8 pm to 11.30 pm so to allow everyone home before midnight.</p> <p>Paul Anderson, Fiddler has offered to play at a concert</p> <p>Other suggestions were for a Prosecco night and another race night. Liz is to contact Lizzie Sharp about their concert</p> | |
| AOCB | None | |
| Future Dates | <p>Meetings 4th October 2017 – Institute 15th November 2017 – Institute 17th January 2018 – Joint meeting with Village Association and will comprise of Annual Meeting and VA AGM</p> | |
| Date of Next Meeting | There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm | ALL |

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| | <p>The next meeting is Wednesday 4th October 2017 in The Institute</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> | |
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