

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

Charity No: SC044569

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**8:00 pm INSTITUTE, FOCHABERS**

**CHAIRMAN:** Elizabeth Rennie

**PRESENT:** Iain Rennie; Gordon Christie; Helen Morrison; Sybil Stuart; Elspeth Fordyce; Donald Cameron; Pat Jenkins; Bill Royan; Audrey MacAuley; Emma Jenkins; Alison Clavey; Caroline Leslie; Chris Overing; Sam Noble; Janet Philpot

George Garden; Chairman, Lennox Community Council

**APOLOGIES:** Angus Gordon-Lennox; Jane Williams; Lorna Whelan

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Liz welcomed all to the first meeting of the 2018 season and expressed delight at the attendance.	
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes from 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved by Elspeth Fordyce and Seconded by Pat Jenkins	
<b>Matters Arising</b>	There were no matters arising	
<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>1) Letter received from Mr Garden accepting the invitation to attend tonight's meeting and we are happy to see him.</p> <p>2) E-mail received from Dan Lunnon-Wood thanking the VA for allowing the Primary School to run their stall during the festive lights switch on. Dan expressed an interest in developing greater links with the VA. This was much appreciated and copies of the minutes to be sent to DL-W along with an invitation to attend the meetings.</p> <p>3) E-mail received from the Residents at Milnescroft saying that they had missed having a Christmas Light display last year. This will be looked at for 2018</p>	SS
<b>Christmas Lights</b>	Following the taking down of the Christmas Lights, a query was raised regarding the weight of the old lights, eg Angel in the Church. Iain is to contact Steven at Festive Lights to see what was available to replace the older lights and the Church will be consulted. The lights in the trees in the square have a problem with the junction boxes, so Gordon is to investigate waterproofing the boxes for future. It was also suggested that lights be hung on the tree in the Primary School. Contact is to be made with the school	IM GC

<p><b>Winter Conditions</b></p>	<p>Following the very adverse winter conditions this year, concern was raised about the lack of sanding within the town. It was noted that the pavements, particularly outside the bus stops, although having a layer of sand put on them, still caused a problem to people. Suggestions for improvement were a gritter which can be mounted on the ride on mower, further yellow boxes and the organising of a team to take on the sanding in bad weather.</p> <p>The VA is aware that there is a lack of finance for doing this within the scope of the council but Lennox Community Council is to add this to their agenda for their next meeting with Moray Council</p>	<p>DC</p>
<p><b>Benches in Square</b></p>	<p>Discussion took place regarding the condition of the benches in the Square, particularly the ones under the trees and the possible setting up of a working party to carry out the work. They need to be cleaned, coated with anti-fungus and painted. There will be a cost implication. Chris Overing advised that the Heritage were looking to do something with the benches under the trees so we need to liaise with them.</p>	
<p><b>Les Tombe</b></p>	<p>A suggestion that we organise a memorial to Les was deferred until Clair Tombe returns from her trip. This would also include the Scouts and Speyfest.</p>	
<p><b>Drama Group</b></p>	<p>This has started and numbers attending have been very good. There is the intention of presenting a summer show and a pantomime. An invite is to be sent to Kevin Oaks to attend the next meeting and a note of the meetings for the year.</p>	<p>SS</p>
<p><b>Future events</b></p>	<p>Murder Mystery Everything is organised for the event. Rehearsals have gone well. Could we ask if everyone could supply a raffle for the night.</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Jazz in the Village</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 “Isle of Love” Play</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Psychic Evening</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 Tombola</p> <p>Bring a Party to a Party to be confirmed Possible Ladies Day Setting up of a Cinema Club</p> <p>Members were asked to think about other events which could be run as there is still work to be done in the hall as well as other village projects</p>	<p>All</p>

<b>AOCB</b>	<p><b>Constitution</b> A copy of the constitution can be found in the FVA website, under documents, Memorandum of Association. A copy of the Gala and Events Constitution is to be sent out with the minutes. Can these be looked at prior to the next meeting where it can be discussed.</p> <p><b>Newsletter</b> A suggestion was made about doing a newsletter which could be distributed in the village, but as this would be costly and time consuming, it was decided that we should take more advantage of The Fochaberian and local advertising places. Donald Cameron volunteered to co-ordinate the information and he can be contacted on 01343 820688 or by e-mail: <a href="mailto:doncame@btinternet.com">doncame@btinternet.com</a></p>	
<b>Future Dates</b>	<p><b>Meetings</b> 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Joint AGM</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 - Gala</p>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm The next meeting is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018</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