

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

Charity No: SC044569

WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2018

8:00 pm INSTITUTE, FOCHABERS

CHAIRMAN: Elizabeth Rennie

PRESENT: Iain Rennie; Sybil Stuart; Audrey MacAuley; Alison Clavey; Caroline Leslie; Pat Jenkins; Chris Overing; Emma Jenkins; Sam Noble; Janet Philpott; Bill Royan; George McIntyre; Una Hamilton; Michael Reid

APOLOGIES: Gordon Christie; Angus Gordon Lennox; Helen Morrison; Jane Williams; Elspeth Fordyce; Lorna Whelan;

SUBJECT	DETAILS	ACTION
Welcome	Liz extended a warm welcome to everyone to the meeting and was happy to see so many of our Community Groups in attendance. This reflected the result of a very successful Gala. We were blessed with good weather which led to a very good atmosphere. Well done to everyone who turned out – the whole Gala is dependent on volunteers, groups and supporters and we are delighted to give money back to the Community. Thanks also to the Village Association stalwarts who attend the meetings and turnout to every event we hold. Grants and donations totalling £7007.00 were handed out to 22 Organisations which reflects the support the village gets from the community.	
Minutes	Minutes from 3 rd October 2018 were approved by Emma Jenkins and seconded by Caroline Leslie	
Matters Arising	There were no matters arising	
Correspondence	1) Poster and design for banners were received from Jane Williams. The poster was approved and a copy is to be posted on Facebook page and copies to be printed off for distribution The Committee agreed to purchase two banners, 3m x 50mm at a cost of £67.00 each. These banners won't have dates on them so that they can be used every year. 2) E-mail received from Anne McCaskell asking permission to have a stall for books/toys and guess the teddy's birthday on the Square on 1 st December to raise funds for the Scouts forthcoming trip to Spain. This was agreed by the committee. 3) E-mail received from Debbie Smith asking if it would be okay to have an old-fashioned pop-corn machine and mulled wine in addition to the items previously agreed. The Committee agreed	All SS

	<p>that the pop-corn could go ahead but not the mulled wine as this would involve having a licence to sell alcohol. SS was also asked to advise the group that a Food Hygiene Certificate would be required to be displayed</p> <p>4) E-mail received from Andy, Spey Runners Race Committee asking for confirmation of 2019 Gala. After confirming Speyfest Dates with EJ, which will be 26th to 28th July, it was agreed that Gala Sunday will be 21st July. SS to advise</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>SS</p>
Christmas Lights Switch on.	<p>1) Lights are to be erected on Sunday 25th November 2018 and squad to meet in the Square at 9:30 a.m. Tree lights will be checked by electrician before this. Neal Christie and Ian Brown are to be contacted for the use of cherry pickers. Liz to contact.</p> <p>2) Poster and banners as above</p> <p>3) Window competition letters have been printed and delivered to all the houses and businesses in the High Street, including businesses in and around the Square. Windows will be judged by Stewart Harris and an art person. Liz to contact. SS has certificates in hand</p> <p>4) The Gala VIP's are to be contacted to be available for the switching on of the lights. Chris agreed to pick up the bell from the Heritage and hand into Chemist before the 1st.</p> <p>5) Take Note will be singing in the Square and SS to contact Neil Brown to ensure there will be sound equipment and whether we could have music playing the Square from 3:15. BR as offered the use if his equipment if needed.</p> <p>6) AM advised that herself and some of the rats from the Pantomime will be mingling with the crowd to advertise the pantomime.</p> <p>7) Sid Whyte is to be contacted to see if he is happy to play Santa again this year</p> <p>8) Sam to organise the 300 club draw which will be announced at the Switch on.</p> <p>9) There are sufficient people to do the switch on and it is hoped that they will don hi-viz jackets to help with traffic/people control.</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>LR</p> <p>SS</p> <p>LR</p> <p>CO</p> <p>SS</p> <p>AM</p> <p>SS</p>
AOCB	<p>Letters to be sent to Heritage and Rockset Choir to acknowledge the hard work which went into the Imagine Peace event on Sunday 11th November. Also congratulations to Heritage on receiving the Queens Award.</p>	
Future events	<p>1st December 2018 – Switch on of Christmas Lights approx. 4 p.m. with Santa arriving</p> <p>8th December 2018 Bring a Party to a Party. 117 Bookings with deposits have been received, 4 reserved with 7 left to sell.</p> <p>Events other than Village Association organised:</p>	

	14th 15th December 2018 – Pantomime by Fochabers Community Theatre – Dick Whittington.	
Future Dates	Meetings 16 th January 2019 – Joint AGM	
Date of Next Meeting	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm The next meeting is AGM on Wednesday 16 th January 2019 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.	ALL