

Glass Community Association

Minutes of

Annual General Meeting

Held on

Monday 31st January 2011

At 8pm in Glass Hall

Present; Gilli Hearn, Fiona Hill, Anne Forbes, Ruth Wright, Dorothy Ross-Archer, Graham Archer, Alan Duff, Rachel West, Robin Pakeman, Mike Tait, Margaret Hay, Viv McIntoch, Lillian Cameron, Bob Yuill, Margo Wordie, Sue Brown, Saskia Dickson, Pam Ingleby, Ken Hamilton, Frances Harrold and Eoin Harrold

Apologies; Debbie Hay, Margaret Slorach, Lorna Yuill

1 Minutes of the last AGM on Monday 18th January 2010 were approved; these were proposed by Eoin Harrold, and seconded by Robin Pakeman.

2 Chairman's report; please see attached at the back of these minutes.

3 Finance report; financial statement attached to the end of these minutes. Ken thanks Gavin West of Atholl scott accountants for auditing the accounts. There was a surplus of £1323.60 in this financial year. Expenses were down, this was mostly in the electricity bill as they had still overcharged us and we are using up a surplus. There was less hall income from the school, this is due in part to the bill only having been sent off for the school use and this will show in next year's accounts. Other income was the grant money we received for the tables that were purchased. The windows have been put into the accounts as an asset at the cost that the hall paid for the windows. These will be depreciated over the next 10 years. We have £8040.00 on deposit account and a further £3724.38 in our current account. This will allow us to plan additional hall improvements as the committee see fit. Thank you to Ken Hamilton for overseeing the accounts and ensuring we always have cash when required.

4 Election of office bearers; Bob Yuill, Ken Hamilton and Margo Wordie were all happy to remain in post, Ken and Margo would be due to step down next year, 2012 and Bob would have another year to serve, if he chooses. These posts were proposed by Lillian Cameron and seconded by Ruth Wright to keep all office bearers in post.

5 Club Representatives; Bowling- Alan Duff
Badminton- Frances Harrold
WRI- Margaret Hay
School/playgroup – Rachel West
Football – Andy Murray

6 Committee members; Fiona Hill was proposed by Pam Ingleby and seconded by Bob Yuill. All other committee members are happy to stay in post.

The Committee members are, Robin Pakeman, Sue Brown, Lillian Cameron, Saskia Dickson, Alan Duff, Anne Forbes, Frances Harrold, Eoin Harrold, Margaret Hay, Moira Ingleby, Pam Ingleby, Andy Murray, John Porter, Dorothy Ross Archer, Graham Archer, Margaret Slorach, Mark Sykes, Rachel West, Ruth Wright, Fiona Hill.

7 Fundraising Events 2011; There are a number of events already committed for 2011

Committed events Saturday 5th February Talent Show
Thursday 5th May Scottish Elections using the hall
Saturday 3rd September Aswanley Horse Trials
Saturday 1st October Coffee morning Stewarts Hall
Friday 28th October Halloween Party
Sunday 18th December Carol Singing around Glass

Proposed Events Saturday 23rd April Easter Eggtraveganza
Sunday 5th June Plant sale
Sunday 19th June Sponsored walk
Sunday 21st August Duck race and competition
Saturday 12th November Quiz?
Saturday 26th November St Andrew's /concert type?
Jan/Feb 2012 Burns Supper and ceildh

Suggested events; Baby photo competition
Summer fete/ pet parade possibly school holding some event?
Cheese and wine/ type shopping event

Talent show/concert type event

It was also noted that Glass primary School are hoping to hold some fund raising events and we could perhaps work together on some of these. We will need to know event dates from the school so that we can ensure we do not overlap and also to see if we can work together.

These events and planning will take place at the next committee meeting Monday 21st February. A Glass newsletter and events calendar will then be produced to be emailed and posted to the community.

8 Carol singing; this community event is very much appreciated and thanks were expressed by Lillian Cameron and Mike Tait to all the carol singers and the drivers who trudged through the snow again. It is really enjoyed by everyone and thanks to all who sang, drove or fed them on their return. We made £396.00 from the collection tins. Thank you to all the community for their donations and the sweets so generously given. It was decided that £100 should be given to Glass Primary School, and £150 will be given to the Huntly Christmas Gift carers. Margo will investigate who runs this in the Health Centre and see if this can be donated for next year's gifts. This was proposed by Saskia Dickson and seconded by Lillian Cameron. Once this is sorted Margo will get a note in the Huntly Paper to express thanks for all donations and who received the money. The remaining money will be retained by the Glass Community association.

9 Hall Upgrade- Margo explained that after this winters burst pipes in the ladies and gents toilets a small committee had got together to look at options and suggestions about how we could upgrade the toilets. The bursts this winter have cost over £1,000.00 to repair. We need to ensure heaters are always on. They only operate at low temperatures so not a cost if it's not cold, maybe we could get them fixed into the socket and there is no visible switch for people to turn off.

Some suggestions were that we could move the disabled toilet to the gent's side and reduce the size of the gents area. Partition off a cubicle which could become unisex disabled and then re do the gents, lower the ceiling and insulate the area. In the ladies also insulate and remove all internal walls then put in 3 cubicles and a vanity unit with 3 wash hand basins. There would be quite an expense, possibly up to £15,000 but quotes are needed to see what it may be. Margo and the small committee will get together some quotes and discuss further to bring back to committee. The meeting did agree that a toilet upgrade should be looked at as the next hall improvement and gave backing to progressing with this idea. Others areas for improvement are the kitchen and store room but these will be next .

10 AOCB- Electric mains box. It was raised that this is far too high and cannot be reached safely. Mike King was asked to look at this and he said it could move, however it will depend on the amount of wire available as he could not make joins in cabling, if it was short they would need to rewire! Too costly. However it can be looked at and a cost of around £300 was given. This is only an estimate as he was not able to asses wiring. There may also be other additional costs for a box etc. We will follow up and get a proper cost to discuss at committee.

Water Filter- our water supply must be tested annually by the council at a cost of around £200 per annum. This is over and above the cost of filtering and servicing the water filter, at about £100 maybe more. It was suggested we look into the cost of getting mains water into the hall to see what kind of charges that would entail. As we do not use much water would this be a cheaper annual cost? Eion Harrold was going to see someone regarding this.

Planning- There was planning notice in about a possible house and wind turbine being built in the field behind the hall. The committee noted that there is planning permission granted for building on this land and we gained a small amount of car park as the planning gain. Bob Yuill as chairman will drop a note to the council regarding the wind turbine distance from our boundary fence in the event of the turbine falling over, as there are rules in place in planning for such safety matters.

Margo Wordie advised the community that West Coast Energy plan to hold an open meeting in Glass Hall on Monday 28th February from 4pm until 7.30pm on the plans for the Wind Farm project on Cairnborrow. Everyone will be very welcome to see the plans and hear about the community gain and how this might operate.

The community Christmas gifts were enjoyed by the elderly in the community and thanks were expressed by Mr and Mrs M Young and by Mrs Middleton. Thanks from the committee to Brian Shanks who wrapped all the gifts and thanks to Rachel West for getting the Christmas cake.

The Christmas Eve service raised £150 from the collection and was gifted to the project Dr Easton is supporting in Nepal. Thanks were expressed to all who contributed to that collection.

A new mop is required and Rita will be asked to purchase this if she wishes and Ken will refund her costs.

Hall charges. These were discussed and comments about ease of charging. Some events like a new club would be charged the £4 per hr rate and any youngsters who wish to use the hall for events will be charged the £4 per hr rate to encourage their use of the facilities and generally they are also raising funds for another charity. The hall charges will remain as per the 2009 charge sheet.

Scottish Elections 2011. These are held on 5th May 2011 and the council will be charged £275.00 for the hall for the day. Frances has confirmed this to the council.

11 Date of next meeting will be set by the committee towards the end of the year and it will be advertised in the local paper.

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Chairman's Report 31st January 2011

Last year's events got off to a great start in January with a Burns Supper 'Lite', which is anew event for the community. It was a real community supper with Hugh Ross piping in the Haggis which was ably carried and presented by Betty Smith. Christine Yuill addressed the Haggis and Ken Hamilton said grace. Following the meal, Phyllis Goodall proposed the toast to the lassies and David Mackay was brave enough to provide the reply. All done with tremendous wit. It's with sadness that I must give our sincere condolences to Phyllis who lost her husband Tom, he attended the Burns Supper that night and was tremendous supporter of Phyllis.

The committee decided that it would be best to make the Burns Supper a biennial event, this would keep it fresh and well supported. To be honest I think it was because the first supper is a really hard act to follow.

On to Easter; unfortunately a planned event 'The Easter Eggstravagannza' had to be cancelled because of snow on the 3rd of April. This was to be a recurring theme of 2010, the year when we had about 20 weeks of lying snow all told.

The plant sale, which was a great success, had to be postponed due to the late Spring until Sunday 6th June, but at last it heralded the start of some mildly better weather. Many thanks to all those who provided teas and home bakes and, off-course, the plants. The sponsored walk is a main event of the summer and this is organised by Alan Duff who did his usual tremendous job. I trust Alan is well on the mend after his bad bout of Flu which took him to Aberdeen and a spell on oxygen; Alan we all hope you get fully recovered. The walk also held a barbecue for returning walkers and supporters, and our thanks are due to George Wordie and the family who ran the barbecue.

On the 22nd of August we held the annual Duck Race and photo competition. At least this year there was a reasonable amount of water, that is not too much, and I heard duck crew even found some lost ducks from previous years. The winner of the Duck Race was Dorothy Ross Archer, and the Archer's held their luck on the day with Graham winning the peoples vote for the best photograph, which was of mice feeding on top of the snow in the middle of a hedge. Great Photo! Kitty West won second duck and a new addition to the community, Lucy Harrold, won third duck. The other winners of the photo competition were Steve Wright, Sarah Wordie and Connor Wilson in the wildlife categories, and Brian Shanks, Sarah Wordie and Connor Wilson in the pet categories.

We must also thank the many people who provided teas and home bakes and manned the community tea table at the Aswanley Horse Trials.

Quiz night on the 2nd of October brings out some real competitive spirit and the memories are getting longer, so everyone knows the teams to beat. The winners this

year were the Wordie team, well deserved. Many thanks to Nick Forbes for setting the questions and particularly his object table which provides for some tremendous conversations and argument. Also to Robin Pakeman who has to keep the tally of the scores and some semblance of order.

On the 16th of October the community ran the Coffee Morning which is always a great success taking Glass to the town and meeting lots of folks with fond connections with the community. I must thank all of the Community for their support - the table waiting and the stall holders – and all those who contribute so generously to the raffle, bottle stall and bakes table.

On the 29th of October Saskia Dickson and many helpers ran a hugely successful Halloween party for the bairns, they just absolutely love it. Many thanks to all who helped

The carol singing didn't miss a beat this year despite the snow on the evening, I think that's at least three years in a row we have travelled and sung carols throughout Glass in snow drifts. The kids and the parents who support this great Glass institution are a great tribute to the community, also, and not least, all the households who receive the carol singers each year and give so generously.

The last event this year was the Junior Talent show on the 16th of January, which was postponed from the 28th of November because of snow. We nearly had to postpone it again because of the flu bug which had affected so many youngsters. However, they all made it a great afternoon, we had Angus Montgomery on drums, Harriet Hearn who did a mini variety sketch, Euan Pakeman on the piano, Kitty Sykes who recited nurse rymes, Liam McIntosh on the snare drum, Lola and Madison Brown who danced the sword dance, Connor Wilson on the xylophone, Nicola Wordie playing the Chanter, and Lizzie Montgomery who recited a poem. The winner by popular vote was Liam, second was Kitty and third was Lizzie. A hearty congratulations are due to all those who took part.

To make all of the years events happen requires an excellent committee, who have been nothing less than most enthusiastic during the year, and I would like to thank them personally for their continuing support. Also Ken who keeps all our finances in excellent order which requires much patience and a steady head. We must also thank Rita who keeps our hall spik and span, she does a very special job and its all too easy to take it for granted. Thanks Rita.

Lastly, I would like to propose a huge thanks to our secretary Margo. You might notice the lovely new windows in the hall; if it wasn't for the forbearance and tenacity of Margo I doubt if we would have had them fitted yet. This is only a wee example of the hard and exemplary work she does for every meeting. A substantial amount of the success of last year, despite the weather, is in no small part due to her. Thanks Margo.

Bob Yuill
31/01/11