



Glass Community Association

AGM

Glass Hall

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013

8pm



**Present:** Moira Ingleby, Mike Tait, Anne Forbes, Dorothy Ross Archer, Graham Archer, Alan Duff, Lilian Cameron, Frances Harrold, Fiona Hill, Gerry Anderson, Eoin Harrold, Hilary Wilkinson, Jamie Wilkinson, Robin Pakeman, Bob Yuill (Chair), Ken Hamilton, Adam Gordon-Duff, Alison Sellar, John Sellar, Rachel West, Sue Brown, Margo Wordie (secretary)

**Apologies:** Ruth Wright, Pam Ingleby

1. The minutes from last year's AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were accepted as an accurate minute of that meeting. Proposed by Eoin Harrold and seconded by Sue Brown.
2. The Chairman then reported on the activities from the past year in Glass. A copy of his report is attached. Bob highlighted the many successful events held by the community and in particular the Jubilee celebrations that we held for the whole community. There will be some photos on the web site highlighting some of the many events from the past year.
3. The treasurer then reported the accounts for the year. Ken Hamilton distributed the accounts and firstly thanked Gavin West of atholl scott accountants for auditing these accounts. We are grateful to them for continuing to audit the accounts for the association. Ken then explained the accounts and asked for questions. The main income for the hall rental came from the school for the use of the hall for PE lessons. Our fundraising is slightly up on last year and the sponsored walk was the biggest single element of income. Private hire was down, other areas similar. The football club will be asked for hall rental. The notable elements of the accounts in expenditure were that this year we have had no electricity to pay as we have been overcharged for a number of years previously and we were in credit for this year and will be for some of 2013/14. There was an increase in repairs due to the work that took some time to be completed for the frost damage of 2010 and we had additional expense on the water filter as it had to be retested when it failed the council test. The donations we have given have increased. When a Church service is held any money taken in is banked in the hall funds and then withdrawn and sent to the relevant charity or organisation that the church service was supporting. This also explains the church expenses as these are taken from money raised at the service. The Queen's jubilee party celebrations for the community were a one off charge. There was a surplus; however this was down on last year by £370. Currently we do have on reserve in two bank accounts £15,100 approximately. The larger amount is in a tied account until March and will then need to be

reinvested or held onto for use if we plan work on the hall. This gives the hall some funds for working with in the event of any plans. Depreciation on the hall windows and the sound system continues. There were no questions and Ken thanked Bob for his kind words as Ken will be stepping down shortly as he and Fiona will be moving away. We would like to thank Ken for all his work over the years supporting the community and in ensuring the finances were kept in shape. We will all be sorry to see them leave the community and wish them well in their new venture over on the West.

4. Members of the committee who have left or are leaving are: Margaret Slorach, Mark Sykes, Saskia Dickson and in due course Ken Hamilton will be stepping down. Once again the support from all past committee members is very much appreciated and they were thanked for their assistance over the years. Rita the hall cleaner also stepped down and a gift and card were given to Rita, this was received and a thank you card received from Rita is on display in the hall. Sonsi Reeves is now the new hall cleaner. Bob then asked for nominations for new committee members from all those in attendance, Adam Gordon Duff was nominated but is unable to join committee at this time however was pleased to be asked. Jamie Wilkinson was proposed by Margo Wordie and seconded by Ken Hamilton. Jamie agreed to get involved and will hope to be able to assist with hall plans. Should others wish to be involved they can be co-opted onto committee at a later date.
5. The election of office bearers will be deferred to the first committee meeting where all members will be present and we can then vote in the new office bearers. Bob Yuill has served 3 years, Ken Hamilton has served 3 years and will be leaving, and Margo Wordie has served 4 years.
6. The club representatives are as follows,  
Bowling- Alan Duff, Badminton- Frances Harrold, WRI- Lilian Cameron, School/playgroup- Rachel West, Football- Andy Murray, and Drama- Alison Sellar.
7. The meeting then moved on to discuss the hall and the communities needs and wishes for improvements for the hall. There had been some suggestions noted prior to the meeting and these included ; at least 4 double sockets around the hall and back wall, 4 up lighters for the hall use at functions, stage lighting, new or improved kitchen and new or improved toilets including looking at the one not working properly. We need to watch what we really get involved with, maybe not too much that will leave us in debt or in need of lots of fundraising to keep it all going. Regular maintenance around the hall, wooden rails around the hall for hanging pictures, decorations etc without spoiling the walls was also asked about. There was then discussion from the floor about what we really need to do in order to keep the hall wind and watertight and also what we want in terms of the next 50 years. Do we make plans for a big change and cost it out or do we do modest improvements. There was a vote and 17 members voted for a big change and for a small committee to be formed at the next meeting and this small group will progress plans and look at other halls in the area that have been revamped, suggestions included Drumuir , Finzean, Crathes, Tullynessle and Cruden Bay. Jamie Wilkinson will help arrange contacts details. Adam Gordon Duff will try to get information from the Drumuir hall about funding sources etc that they used which may assist us. These groups will be contacted to discuss all the pros and cons regarding their upgrades and take advice from the various groups around who have tried to secure funding from various outlets. This committee will report back to the main committee and we shall now try to progress an action plan for hall improvements. It was also noted that the exact

ownership details may need to be established and the necessary paperwork found to enable grant funding to be secured. It is known that the ground is owned by J Ingleby however as long as there is a community hall on the site it is for the community to use in perpetuity. This was established clearly once before when the hall required funding. Also to find out the actual age of the hall and when it was built. In the mean time however it was established that there are some necessary repairs and work that should be done to improve matters now. The ladies toilets will be looked at urgently as there is one toilet that does not flush well. The hot water heater in the toilets will be checked by an electrician and then a plumber to see if it can be put back into action. An electrician will be asked to quote for the heater work, putting in double sockets around the hall 2 either side and at the back wall, and to look at moving the fuse box. Stage lights will be looked into by Alison. The purchase of 4 up lighters will be bought for improving lighting in the hall. 100 new mugs will be bought and all the old china will be removed. WRI will be asked what is theirs to be kept. A possible hot plate may be available and can be looked at and would need to be checked over by the electrician. Curtains were also suggested but in general this was felt not necessary at the moment but can be looked at as part of the hall improvements.

8. It was noted at the meeting that there has been some damage to the front hall steps. These have been hit by a vehicle but no one has come forward to say it happened. Ken will look into our insurance and see if this can be used to repair the steps and the hand rail at the disabled entrance which has also been damaged at some time by a vehicle pulling the rail. The excess is £350 on the insurance.

It was also pointed out that the Hyrdo had dug a trench around the perimeter of the hall and this was to lay power to the new house. They did disturb drains on the hall land and were asked to ensure they were reinstated to ensure they did not cause any problems to the Mill cottage.

At Carol Singing we usually make a donation to a local charity and previously it was agreed this would be to the Huntly Area Cancer Support Centre. It was agreed we would donate £250 to this very worthy cause. This was proposed by Rachel West and seconded by Lilian Cameron. We have already given playgroup £50 from the amount raised. Margo will arrange for the handover of the cheque to the Huntly Area Cancer Centre.

9. The date of the next full committee meeting will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in the hall. The next Community AGM will be January 2014 and will be advertised in the papers and on the web.

The meeting was closed and everyone thanked for their attendance.