



Glass Community Association

AGM

Minutes

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Glass Hall 7.30pm

Apologies; Brian Shanks, Robin Pakeman, Gilli Hearn, James and Moira Ingleby

Present; Rachel West, Dave and Gerry Anderson, Jamie Wilkinson, Dorothy and Graham Ross Archer, Alan Duff, Peter McIntosh, Tom Macpherson, Eoin and Frances Harrold, Sue Brown, Ruth Wright, Anne Forbes, Bob Yuill (Chair), Margo Wordie, Alison and John Sellar, Pam Ingleby, Adam Gordon Duff, Rob Yuill, Natalie Lentz, Mr Lentz.

The meeting was opened by Bob Yuill who welcomed everyone to the AGM and turning out on such a cold frosty evening.

1. The minutes from the last AGM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 were approved by Tom Macpherson and seconded by Eoin Harrold. The matters arising would be dealt with at the meeting.
2. The Chairman then gave the meeting a summary of the year's activities and this will be attached at the end of the minutes. Action from the chairman's report was the decision to carry on and get a defibrillator for the hall; some of the funds from the 2015 sponsored walk will be used for this.

He concluded his report with thanks to everyone on the committee for their work in making so many events such fun and for the community for supporting these activities to ensure there were many sociable events and fundraising activities in the community. Thanks also to Sonsi for her work in keeping the hall clean and tidy at all times.

3. The treasurer, Rachel West then handed out the accounts. Rachel reminded us all that the accounts are from December 2014 until end November 2015 and so do not include the activities we arranged for December 2015. The accounts were talked through with the note that the grant we have from the Clashindarroch wind farm is a liability in the accounts as this is only available for certain expenses for planning and architects and not general hall funds. The money on reserve is reviewed currently every 6 months. Expenses are a little less however the income is also a little less. There were no further questions and the accounts were adopted by Frances Harrold and seconded by Dave Anderson. Thanks were expressed to Gavin West of Atholl Scott accountants for examining the accounts. A copy will be attached to this minute.

4. The election of the committee, there have been no intimations of any resignations from the committee and therefore we will take it from the meeting that all members are happy to serve a further year on the Glass Community Association committee. New members are always very welcome and if they wish to know a little about the committee they can approach any committee member or speak with Bob or Margo .
5. Draft Constitution for Glass Hall. Bob explained that we have a constitution from 1984, which was altered from the previous constitution from 1953. There is a need to review the current constitution and make it more robust for the future. The constitution will be needed to be seen and scrutinised by funders and although the old one is legal and binding it does now not really give enough detail. The AGM is being asked to support the work of the committee to progress this new document. It will be sent out to everyone for consultation and Bob would be very grateful of help on this review process. Members at the meeting supported this. The draft looks at the need for trustees and who these trustees can be, legal assistance will be required. A draft was circulated and this will now be discussed and amended, all comments back please and a final draft will be fully circulated to everyone in the community and an extra AGM will be called to formalise any changes to the constitution. A draft will be attached to the minutes.
6. Glass Hall update, the architects are working on slight revisions to the hall drawings and awaiting final reports required for submitting to planning. However before any submission the drawings will be brought back to the community with open weekend/evenings to allow everyone in the community the opportunity to view the plans and have comments before any planning application is submitted. However anyone is welcome to get in touch regarding the hall plans and we shall try to discuss all matters to ensure everyone knows what is happening. Currently the money in the accounts of approx £14,000 was received from the Clashindarroch Wind Farm and this is for architects fees and drawings to submit the plans to planning. If and when this is completed and if they are passed we shall then need to get additional funding to get the drawings for building warrant and actual costing from a quantity surveyor.

The hall will need to be innovative in its approach and what it might be for the community, outdoor space as well as indoor space. Electric charge points, outdoor accessible toilets, bike stores, outdoor activity space, etc and how environmentally friendly, energy efficiency etc will all be key factors in any hall plans. We shall also be speaking with the council in terms of provision for the school and how the space can be very useful for the children's learning. The council hopefully will be involved in some sort of funding or ongoing rental commitment for the hall.

On discussion with planners the architects were asked about the hall design, justification for a new hall, the type of structure and cladding, the elevations of the hall, and the required surveys, trees, bats, and the ground type for water drainage. Road access will also need to be discussed as the previous person has moved on. Therefore the car park access and layout will be part of this planning process. A detailed plan for the use of this space would also be required and useful to support the redevelopment of the hall and grounds. The car park land is progressing well and will need legal work to complete.

There was a small hall committee progressing the hall upgrade, and this can be re-established to get a few key people working on the hall plans and processes and each taking forward some of the work now involved in getting information gathered and moving forward to get into planning. They would then update at hall committee meetings.

There was a grant awarded from Marr Area Partnership for legal fees regarding the land for the car park and it is hoped this will assist in these costs.

7. There was a general discussion about updating the community regularly about the hall activities and the new hall plans to be sure everyone knows what is happening, many suggestions were put forward; direct mailings, monthly web updates and email updates to a notice board outside the hall with information, a time line of key dates on the calendar. We shall try to ensure there are many methods of updating people and before planning is submitted all households will be invited to an open weekend to discuss plans and view the application so that feedback and comments can be taken on board. We do want to hear from people and do want everyone's opinion to be heard. The local media can also help in dispersing information however it was felt that our own mail should arrive with people before the media made any comments.
8. If a new hall is going to happen when will it be built? This cannot really be accurately answered as it will be dependent on funding and timelines for the money but if planning was granted and money is available then possibly 2017 at earliest but probably 2018? As any new build will have to take into account the hall use and what we do during build time! There is no real estimated cost as we do not have a quantity surveyor on board as yet but the estimate is still in the £350,000 to £400,000 as per the discussions previously. However with any build there will be cost savings if the community can do some of the work in kind, however this will all be part of discussions going forward. As and when we start to look for funding a good business plan will be required with details of the current and projected hall use, costs etc.
9. AOCB; The community have been donated two multimedia projectors for use by the community. These were donated by Cheryl Walker and will be stored by Alison Sellar. This is a superb donation and the community wish to express sincere thanks for these projectors.
10. Date of next meeting; The next AGM will be in January/February 2017.
11. There will be a committee meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

The meeting was closed and everyone was thanked for attending.