

Glass Community Association

Minutes of

Annual General Meeting

Held on

Monday 18th January 2010

At 8pm in Glass Hall

Present; Mark Sykes, Rachel West, Robin Pakeman, Ken Hamilton, Moira Ingleby, Anne Forbes, Frances Harrold, Bob Yuill, Alan Duff, Sue brown, Eion Harrold, Margaret Slorach, Margo Wordie, Dorothy Ross-Archer, Graham Ross- Archer, Angie Blake

Apologies; Lillian Cameron, Margaret Hay, Pam Ingleby, Lorna Yuill, John Porter, Ruth Wright

1 Minutes of the Last AGM on Monday 26th January 2009 were approved, proposed by Frances Harrold and seconded by Robin Pakeman

2 Chairman's Report- please see copy attached to this minute.

3 Treasurers Report- Ken went through the accounts for year ending November 2009. There is a small surplus this year of £128.99. There were more expenses for hall goods and some of these will carry over into 2010. There was also an increased Electricity bill in 2008 we were still in surplus due to previous overpayments therefore now showing a more accurate reflection of the heating costs. Ken will check the next bill against the estimate to ensure we are not overpaying. There is less bank interest due to low rates and also we do not have the money on deposit as we were waiting on the windows, which should now go ahead. Depreciation is now added in for major purchases. Copy of accounts attached to this report. Thank you to Gavin West for auditing the accounts.

4 Election of Office Bearer's. Margaret is standing down having served three years as Chairman, thank you for all your hard work over the three years.

Chairman- Bob Yuill, Sue proposed, Anne seconded.

Vice Chairman- Robin Pakeman will remain

Treasurer- Ken Hamilton will remain

Secretary- Margo Wordie will remain

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

6 Club Representatives. Badminton- Frances Harrold
Bowling- Alan Duff
WRI- Margaret Hay
School Contact- Saskia Dickson
Playgroup- Rachel West
After school Football- Andy Murray

7 Fund Raising Events for 2010. These will be discussed at the next committee meeting on Monday 8th February. Previous events will be looked at for the best way forward and new suggestions hopefully will be brought to the meeting. One suggestion was to look at each event and make them larger with a greater audience but hold fewer events.

8 Hall Hire. This will remain as is for 2010 as per AGM 26.01.09

Hall charges as agreed at AGM 26 January 2009

Private Hire (any time facilities all included); £10 per hour min £20- max £60

Club Hire/school open session ; £4 per hour max £12

School PE; £15 per hour

Ante Room only ; £6 for a max of 3 hours

Sue Brown to take any bookings, at the discretion of the committee these charges can be altered.

9 A.O.C.B. A donation of £100 will be given to the school, £50 from the St Andrews night and £50 from the carol singing. £150.00 was given to the Huntly Flood Victims Appeal.

Thanks were expressed to Margaret Slorach and all the office bearers and committee members for all their hard work and efforts throughout the year. Thanks also to all non committee members for their help and support looking after the hall.

10 Next committee meeting will be Monday 8th February. AGM will be January 2011.

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Chairmans report

January 2010

2009 has been another busy and varied year for the Glass Community Association. The year did not get off to a good start with the postponement and cancellation of our first two events.

For a variety of reasons we postponed the Credit crunch quiz from February to September. The proposed buffet night in April had to be cancelled at the last minute due to lack of support. There were a variety of reasons given for people not attending including price, menu and being away at the time! Previous feedback told us that this was a successful and popular event but if we are to do anything similar in the future we will look at alternatives - eg a BBQ. All ideas welcome.

In March Ruth gave us a fascinating talk about her trip to Malawi where she lived with a local family and worked in the school for 6 weeks.

A new event in May was a plant sale with tea and cake available – this was a success and raised over £200. Thanks to Margo, Lorna and their helpers.

The sponsored walk in June was enjoyed by all on a lovely day. A big thank you to Alan for arranging it, for chasing us up for our sponsorship money (£1077) and to Marion and Callum for the refreshments and especially the home bakes at our half way rest. Back at the hall the walkers were joined by other members of the community and all enjoyed a BBQ prepared by the Wordie family.

A number of the committee spent an evening in June tidying up the hall and finding all kind of things in the attics and under the stage, some were kept others brought back memories and some were thrown away!

Again the community had a tea and cake stall at the Aswanley Horse trials in August. Thanks to all the helpers on the day and those who contributed baking.

The annual Duck race was held in the Markie Burn and tea and shortbread were served afterwards in the hall. The winner of the photo competition on the theme of

'Water' was awarded to Jodie young and the under 12 award to Connor Wilson. Thanks to Sheila Robinson and Betty Smith for judging the many entries.

The postponed Quiz took place in September and an enjoyable and challenging evening was had by all who attended. Thank you Nick for your wide ranging questions and to Robin for the scoring and dealing with the heckling!

The coffee morning in the Stewarts Hall was not as well attended as usual slightly but it was during the school holidays. The traditional butteries and coffee were served in the usual efficient way. Thanks to the many helpers both before and on the day.

A decision was taken to cancel the Halloween party this year as there was a similar party being held by the school the same day. We will consider it again in the future.

Our St Andrews night in November took a new format this year following feedback from the community. We started with entertainment from many of the younger people of Glass and from the Glass school children who sang and recited as well as reading their own stories. A big thank you to all the entertainers and to the school staff for their support. Thanks also to 'young' Bob our sound man! After a snack we had some dancing. There will be live music to dance to at the end of January at the Burns Supper and Ceilidh which is a new event for over 16s only.

December saw the carol singing on a very cold and snowy night – well done to you all who braved the cold, although I think some of you were helped by the odd glass of something alcoholic on the way round! Thanks to Margo for the soup which was gratefully received on their return to the hall. Gifts were distributed as usual to older members of our community.

The hall has also been used by other groups and individuals for a variety of private functions throughout the year including the Christmas Eve service which went ahead in spite of the weather and although not as many as last year there was a good turnout. The school used the hall in March for a dance and the council rented the hall for the European elections in June.

Thank you Sue for taking and organising the private bookings for the hall.

The clubs – WRI, Badminton and Bowls meet on a regular basis through the winter months and all would welcome new members to join them to help keep them active. The school uses the hall for PE on a weekly basis and the After School football continues. Rachel arranged some yoga sessions for the more supple!

The Committee regularly discusses the maintenance and upkeep of the hall. One of the main issues raised last year in the questionnaire was the lack of outside lighting. Margo obtained a grant from the Glen of Foundlands windfarm trust for the full cost

of installing this lighting and it is now in place. There has been an issue about the brightness of these lights and we are looking at possible ways of reducing this. An outside tap has been fitted to make it easier for the regular watering of the baskets and tubs outside the hall in the summer. Thank you again to Bob and Lorna who arrange and look after these on an annual basis.

The window saga continues, but finally after over a year we have planning permission.

In the interim the cost has risen. This feels like it has been an ongoing battle with the planning authorities who appear to keep changing their minds as to what they are looking for. They have asked us to look at windows in a house in Stonehaven (these apparently were the type of window that they preferred, but bore no resemblance to our window style), they have changed their minds about the type of plans required and the companies that they prefer. Margo has spent many hours on the phone and visiting their offices. Margo and I met with the councillor who was objecting and thought that we had convinced him, but still no approval! Hopefully work will start in the spring to fit the new double glazed units.

The Aberdeenshire sustainable Community Halls Group arranged a visit to complete an energy efficiency and renewable energy report in June. The report agreed that the windows would help and also made some other suggestions eg additional insulation particularly in the roof, and changing the lights. Once the windows have been installed, the committee can look again at these recommendations and any grants that may be available to help implement some of these changes. Apparently we have a particularly good electricity tariff.

The council is considering moving the recycling bins so that they conform to regulations regarding distance from buildings etc, they plan to do a site visit, and one of the committee will arrange to be at the visit.

Keeping the hall in good condition is greatly helped by Rita who visits weekly and takes pride in keeping the hall clean and reports anything that needs attended to. Thank you Rita.

Thank you to all the committee for their support and contribution to the committee meetings and to the organisation and running of these events. I would like to particularly thank Margo for taking on the role of secretary in such an enthusiastic and thorough manner. I am sure you have all been reminded of events etc by her regular emails. A particular thank you from myself for all your help and support.

Angela Christie resigned from her role as treasurer for personal reasons in March and Ken Hamilton took over and has kept us right with our accounts and made sure

that we have cash floats for events etc. Thanks to Angela for her diligence as treasurer.

A special thank you to the people of Glass who have attended events but we need your ideas and suggestions so that we can organise a calendar of events and activities that appeal to as many people as possible. Please give us your ideas and tell us about the things that do not work and why.

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