



Glass Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Glass Hall 8pm

Present; Robin Pakeman, Eoin Harrold, Gerry Anderson, Lilian Cameron, Rob Yuill, Alison Sellar, Alan Duff, Dorothy Ross Archer, Sue Brown, Jamie Wilkinson, Frances Harrold, Ruth Wright, Dave Anderson, Anne Forbes, Pam Ingleby, Margo Wordie, Bob Yuill, Rachel West, Graham Archer, Mike Taitt, Gilli Hearn, Tom Macpherson, John Sellar, Fiona Hill, James Ingleby, Adam Gordon Duff, Ruth Grant.

No apologies received.

1. **The minutes of the Annual General Meeting** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were accepted as accurate and proposed by Bob Yuill and seconded by Robin Pakeman.
2. **The Chairman's report**, Bob Yuill then read out his report, a copy is attached to the end of the minutes. He mentioned the many events held in the community and how much the lovely year played a part in many of our activities. The chairman thanked everyone in the community who gets involved in all that we arrange and appreciates all the support we receive to maintain the hall and support some local charities.
3. **The treasurer's report**, Rachel West handed out the accounts and went on to discuss these. A copy of accounts is filed with the minutes. In summary, the hall rental was down slightly, this was due in part to the good weather as the school were able to use their own playing fields during the summer and not the hall. Fundraising was up slightly but this was really just through the different events and the timing of these events. Other income is relating to church income and expenditure. Bank interest is similar. Expenditure is only up slightly on 2012, however the noticeable item is the electricity account. This is really the account for 2 years as there had been no expenditure in 2012. They had been incorrectly sending estimated accounts and our credit had been used up. We are now taking regular readings to ensure that we pay accurately for the electricity used. Other items are on par with the previous years accounts and so all seemed in order. There was a surplus of £745.51 for the year. There is money on deposit accounts at the bank and this will be advantageous to the committee moving forward with hall plans, it is a good start for us.

The accounts have been checked by Gavin West, of atholl scott accountants. These were accepted and proposed as accurate by Fiona Hill and seconded by Ruth Wright. Thank you to Gavin West for checking the accounts.

4. **Election of committee members**, retiring from committee, Lilian Cameron has stepped down from the committee and we would like to thank Lilian very much for all her time and commitment to the hall committee, and for all her support at our events, we hope she shall continue to come along to events.

All others members are remaining on committee and the following new members were proposed by Anne Forbes and seconded by Pam Ingleby, Ruth Grant, Dave Anderson, Tom Macperson and Rob Yuill. Remaining members are, Bob Yuill, Margo Wordie, Rachel West, Sue Brown, Frances Harrold, Eoin Harrold, Robin Pakeman, Jamie Wilkinson, Fiona Hill, Dorothy Ross Archer, Alan Duff, Anne Forbes, Ruth Wright, Alison Sellar, Andy Murray, Pam Ingleby, Moira Ingleby, and Gerry Anderson. Thank you to everyone for being involved on the committee.

5. **Club representatives will remain the same,**

Bowling- Alan Duff  
Badminton- Frances Harrold  
WRI- Margo Wordie  
School/playgroup- Rachel West  
Football – Andy Murray  
Drama – Alison Sellar

6. **Hall improvements;** The hall was discussed at length about what the community would want and how anything we do must be able to be maintained by the community around us, it should not be a burden but should allow the good community spirit in Glass to grow. The plans have been displayed on the web and in the hall and these have generated a good amount of discussion which has been very helpful in moving the plans forward.

Mr James Ingelby has now come to the community and offered some of the space in the field opposite the hall that could become car parking for the hall. This would allow us to take a new look at the hall and what might be possible, do we expand the current hall, increase the size, or change the layout. With this offer of more space we can really think about the future of Glass Hall for the very long term. This is a very generous offer from Mr Ingleby and the community is very grateful for this generous gift.

We shall now move forward with hall plans. The small upgrade committee stated that they are awaiting a Structural Engineer to come to the hall and assess the fabric of the building, can we expand, or can we alter? Is the hall fit for purpose or do we need to be very radical, this is all to be discussed and we shall then have a better idea about the next steps for the hall? We should be ambitious for the future. All details and discussions on hall plans will continue to be delivered online on the web and by email to ensure that all in the community can be involved in this project. The small group are also visiting other halls to discuss how they approached their hall upgrade and redevelopment plans and these ideas and pit falls will all be used to help us progress our plans.

7. **Clashindarroch Wind Farm**, this is the wind farm that is currently being built near to Glass and there is expected to be a large annual community benefit fund to be in place by 2015 to be used by the communities surrounding the wind farm in the AB54 area and the Cabrach.

Foundation Scotland is the organisation employed by Vattenfall to help establish the community benefit fund, set it up and make it ready for the communities to use when the money begins to be delivered. We in Glass are in the working group to establish the ground rules, and the distribution mechanism. There has been a great deal of discussion ongoing about how this will be operated and further consultation is ongoing to ensure that as many people as possible in all the communities involved get a say in what they would like to see as the legacy of this fund. Foundation Scotland has issued a short questionnaire that we can all complete. This will be emailed to all and will be posted to all not on email. Bob will also set up a survey monkey questionnaire that can be completed instead of emailing back to Margo, however it will be up to all what they choose, but we would urge as many people as possible to consider what any benefit fund could be used for in Glass and how it could benefit the community for the long term. As well as hopefully supporting hall redevelopment, what else could we do in the community over the next 5/10/15 years. We would hope that a good response from Glass showing community involvement would help support our applications for funding when this begins.

A number of points raised on the questionnaire would be what will be the legacy from this large fund? What do we want in Glass, not just the hall but many other community projects?

Further discussion around the Wind farm fund was had; including questions about how confident are we that we will get this amount of money into the fund as no signed agreements have yet been seen? Are there examples of other large funds being dispersed in other areas and how have they managed their affairs? This was one of the benefits of Foundation Scotland as they are involved in many other funds across Scotland and can use other examples to help make plans for this project.

Other recourses are available to help support all applications and this expertise will be used to progress our hall plans, and any other community plans that come forward. It was felt that the strengths of Glass can be shown as a very strong community spirit with all the activities currently held, we have delivered on projects, and managed events, we have hall events with very good turnout from the community and we have very good events at other venues that we in the community support, ie. Aswanley, Coffee mornings, school events, etc.

Some of the issues moving forward for the community might include, the social, economic and environmental issues that we all face, like high fuel bills, lack of transport, lack of additional housing to increase school role, the expansion of wind farms may be a concern and the development of the A96 corridor may be an issue. These may all impact on the community moving forward and can be taken into account when future plans are discussed.

The community want to work to keeping the hall as the service centre for the community and how we can maximise this to the benefit of all, however we must minimise the running costs of the hall, make it affordable and sustainable.

There will be a questionnaire sent out to everyone in the Glass Community and we would hope that many of you will complete this to support the hall and show your involvement in this community.

There will be one completed from our discussions at the AGM however please also complete your own.

8. **AOCB.** There was a request for the state of the war memorial to be looked at by the community. As it is the anniversary of World War 1 this year it has been asked if the area around the war memorial can be replanted with fresh heathers, or should we consider removing all heathers and replacing with hard stones and tubs. If this was considered the community would have to maintain the tubs and in winter it might be quite bare and empty looking. The current heathers are very straggly and some have died away. It was the feeling of all present at the meeting that the heathers should all be replaced and replanted with fresh heathers and that the council are responsible for this and it should remain their responsibility. Frances Harrold will take this up with the council on behalf of the committee.

We would hope that fresh heathers will be replanted making this a proper memorial for all those fallen men from the First World War.

Burns Supper Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, there are still some tickets available from Sue Brown.

The hall store cupboard needs to be tidied up for the Burns supper and the school will be asked about what they need to keep in the hall, and what should be returned to the school. All groups are asked to keep the hall cupboards tidy at all times to make it easier for all groups to use what they require weekly.

9. **Date of next meeting,** The next committee meeting will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014

The next Annual General Meeting will be January 2015.