



Glass Community Association

AGM

Minutes

Monday 16TH January 2017

Glass Hall 7.30pm

Apologies; Mr & Mrs. D Blunt, Mr & Mrs M Walker, Mr & Mrs G Archer, Fiona Hill, James Ingleby, Gilli Hearn, John Sellar, Eoin Harrold

Present; Mr & Mrs D Anderson, L Cameron, J Wilkinson, M Tait, A Sellar, N Lentz, F Harrold, S Brown, R Pakeman, B Shanks, A Duff, P McIntosh, T McPherson, P Ingleby, B Yuill (chair), R West, M Wordie

The Glass Community AGM was opened and everyone welcomed and thanked for attending the meeting.

The minutes from the AGM on 18th January 2016 were accepted as accurate and proposed by Dave Anderson and seconded by Alison Sellar.

Matters arising are the constitution and the Glass Hall update which will be covered in the meeting.

The Chairman's report was read by Bob Yuill and a copy is attached to this minute. This year's report and last year's report will be posted on our web page for people to read.

The Treasurers report and accounts were handed out for all to see and are attached to this minute. The accounts were proposed as an accurate account of the association's finances and were proposed by M Tait and seconded by R Pakeman. The accounts do show that as a community we raise money for the hall and expenses however we also give away some of our funds to mostly local charities.

Election of committee, there have been no intimations of resignation and therefore it was proposed by L Cameron and seconded by G Anderson that all the current committee members will be retained. There was also an invitation extended to anyone in the community who would like to get involved in the committee can come along to our next meeting on Monday 23rd January at 8pm or indeed speak with anyone on the committee.

Glass Hall update; The planning permission was granted in November 2016 and we are delighted to have managed to get this far with all the work and effort from the community and the committee. Some work was done in kind, the Bat Survey, the tree survey and some water testing, thank you, Rachael Thwaites, Steve Brown and Eoin Harrold for helping the community. The next stage for the committee is to get a building warrant and an application

will be needed and the architect has given a quote for this work, of £12200 and a structural engineer is also required approx cost £5000. This will give us very detailed costings of the hall new build and all details needed to go and fund raise the money to be able to build the hall. This cost of approx £17200 is a large amount and we do need to try and get this funded. The AGM was asked if they would support the committee going forward with this application and if we could if needed use no more than £9,000 to get this document. In principle this was agreed however ever effort should and will be made to get this fully funded to allow the hall funds to be kept for the building. An application will be made to the new Edintore Fund that is about to come on stream, and other areas will be looked at. When the building warrant is granted we shall then get three quotes for the new build, looking at timescales, and also we shall want them to project manage all the work to ensure we comply with all the rules/legislation that will be required for such a project. In order to go out for funding we shall need to have a business plan written to show the hall usage now and projected for the future. This will be the main document for funders to decide if they should support us. The link with the school and the outside area with the inside will be very important areas to be part of our business plan. To ensure we know what and where to go we may look at the possibility of paying someone to support the community/committee in this work. However someone in the community may be able and willing to do this work and we would be delighted if that were the case. Some funding from the Cairnborrow wind farm which will be on stream this year may be able to be used for this. We may also look at crowdfunding/personal donations of support for the new build. This all needs worked on. Other funding streams will be the SRDP/Leader fund which will be only available for the next 12/18 months possibly. We shall also speak with the council about their support, funding or rental going forward for the hall use as part of the school PE and kitchens etc.

Question from the floor; Will the community be involved in a decision on whether or not a new hall is built, once costings have been obtained?

The community are involved in all the decisions however they have given the committee there approval to move on with looking at the options. Should money be spent the committee will be trying to ensure as little as possible is spent at this time to be sure we have it for the new build or indeed in our bank should we be unable to raise the funds for a new build.

Question; Will funding be applied for to get the building warrant? yes we shall try and get it fully funded but we may have to spend some of our own money.

One of the difficulties will be getting all funding in place to work all at once to enable us to get the new hall built. There will be a great deal of effort needed to get funds in place however we shall try to do this.

Question; how long will this take? we do not know timing but once the building costs are received and we have a business plan we can start talking to funders to see what they are likely to support to enable us to get this in place. We shall work away for some time however there will be a point in time if we cannot raise the money we shall have to stop, this would only we hope be if a large funder had a tight time limit and we were unable to raise the money to use it in time.

Question; Will the subcommittee be re-established for the hall planning? It should be re-established and we shall do this at the next committee meeting, should others who are not on committee but interested in the hall new build wish to be involved they can get involved. We shall ask the community for interested people to come forward. It was also requested that this sub group keep the community informed with some regular updates.

Should there be any large decisions needed then a special meeting will be called for the whole community.

The hall constitution was discussed last year and there will be an update done, however we are still looking at the best way to carry this forward. We may look at the new charity status which is less onerous and may work well for the community. J Sellar has offered to assist on this matter and he will work with B Yuill to move this on. Once a draft is available then a special meeting will be held for the community as it is a matter for all.

AOCB;

J Ingleby has mentioned the new power line that SSE are looking at going through from Blackhillock, Keith to Kintore. It will cross over the Glass area possibly at the Huntly end of the valley. There is a web site www.ssen-transmission.co.uk If you search for the line information you can see the maps and the corridor they are thinking of.

Hall charges will be discussed at committee meeting.

DONM the next committee meeting will be Monday 23rd January at 8pm

The next AGM will be January 2018