

Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SCO47553

Committee Meeting

2.00pm Wednesday 24th July 2019

Town Hall, New Galloway

Minutes

(NB This was a brief half hour meeting prior to Creetown Initiative presenting us with the draft Business Plan; also a further meeting was planned for the following day to discuss the grant bid to Blackcraig Windfarm Community Fund)

1. **Present:** Ros Hill, Ray Bridgeman, David Hardy, Tom Carlyle, Bob Glaister, Ann Glaister. It was noted that Eleanor Wilson and Debbie Hardy had both stepped down as Board members, but will both continue to offer their support as volunteers. They were thanked (in their absence) for their help and their continued involvement was very much appreciated.

In attendance: Ingrid Gemmel

2. **Apologies for absence:** Sue Vest, David Link, Robert Lowther, Jim McCrossan

3. **Minutes of meeting** of 19th June 2019 were approved.

4. **Matters arising:** to consider any matters arising that are not already on the agenda

Noted re item 7 that the invoice from Creetown Initiative for the Community Consultation had been received and paid.

5. **Chair's report:** to follow. Also noted that Ros had updated the diary details for Glenkens Gazette and Galloway News had also asked for an update.

6. **Financial report:** Circulated in advance: Balance - £19,829 of which £15,000 is 'restricted/allocated'; debit cards received by Bob and Ros; OSCR return seems to have been accepted – no response received but details have appeared on website.

7. **Reports from those in attendance:**

i) Ingrid Gemmel brought an extension letter for Ros to sign to roll on the lease arrangement prior to decisions about asset transfer.

ii) Sue Vest had sent an update – copied below: noted she could offer a shorter mental health first aid training option; also offered to meet, which Ros, Ann and Bob will take up plus others if interested.

iii) David Link (Third Sector Engagement Officer for the Stewartry): Report circulated in advance – noted: 28th August, 10.00am – 3.00pm, in Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn, a third sector roadshow.

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8. Any reports from Sub-committees:

- i) Celebratory Events Sub-Committee work; tabled and noted a copy of what Joan Walker had sent for the next edition of the Glenkens Gazette – copied below.
- ii) 'Exploring New Galloway': Summary report from Jon Nimmo, as submitted to GGLP, had been sent round in advance and was noted.

9. Advert and Further Particulars for Town Hall Keyholder: After discussion, it was agreed to defer this with a view to considering a sessional caretaker post.

10. Training and Development opportunities for Trustees and Volunteers: Date options were discussed and it was agreed that 9th and 10th October were possible for David Link's Trustee training session and the Trustees' 'Study Visits' day. (**AG** to check dates with David Link, Creetown and Glenkens Transport). It was noted that Ray would not wish to take part in the Study Visits.

11. LING Activities:

Cheese and Wine Evening: draft poster had been circulated in advance. Noted that we were linking with Sam's funded Food Month and would benefit by having the costs of a Wine Tasting events being paid and by additional marketing. The proposal to charge £8 entry was agreed.

12. AOB: None

13. Date of next meeting: 16th September 2.00pm

Re item 7 Message from Sue Vest

From the Health and Wellbeing side....

We are progressing with the Farming Memories project and are looking at opportunities to bring rural history into Care Homes and to host a short visit by Care Home residents – open to suggestions and offers

Over the next year, the focus for our social isolation work will be inclusion (building on the access work which started in New Galloway!) and spaces where people will naturally interact. More to follow on this. I'm currently writing up the work from 2018-19 which will be shared and am developing an outline plan for 2019-20 which will be aligned to regional work.

We're keen to know if there is interest locally in Mental Health First Aid training or any shorter sessions around mental health

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I should have the document linking what you do to regional / national strategy available by the end of the week – sorry for the delay in this

I'm more than happy to catch up separately to see if there is any way we can support what you're doing. I'll try to make it to your next meeting as well

Re item 8 - NG Celebratory Events Committee – Picnic in the Park 2019

The Picnic in the Park was held on 9th June with a similar format to last year. Unfortunately the weather wasn't brilliant but it didn't stop the New Galloway residents from supporting the event.

This year we joined up with Kells School who organised a number of table top games and a stall. One of the most popular events of the afternoon was the Pet Show organised by the school. Pets including a hamster, a rabbit, a chicken and lots of dogs entered classes such as "waggiest tail", "best 6 legs" and "pet the judges would most like to take home".

The stocks were once again popular with various unfortunate but brave people being soaked with wet sponges!

Races were organised by Sam Rushton and her helpers and included 3 legged and egg and spoon races.

Glen Urr came along with their Ice Cream van, there were Strawberries, Pimm's, Prosecco and a BBQ. Fabby Cakes also had a stall with their cakes, pasties and sausage rolls.

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported the event and those who donated things and helped on the day.

Next year we are hoping to arrange a special event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day. Instead of a Picnic we are planning a "Party in the Park" similar to the street parties that took place 75 years ago. Everyone in New Galloway and Kells Parish will be invited and there will be a tea – which might just include "spam sandwiches"!!! There will also be games for the children and 40's music. This is still in early stages of planning but if anyone knows of events that took place in New Galloway in 1945 please do let us know and we will try to re-enact them.

Joan Walker.