

Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC047553

Board Meeting

New Galloway Town Hall

7.30 pm Friday 5th July 2022

Minutes

1. Present: Mary Smith, David Hardy, Ros Hill, Glynne Shackleton, Ann Glaister, Bob Glaister, and Poppy Gilbert (by Zoom). Also in attendance for items 3 and 4, Angie Bradford and Olivia Robinson

2. Apologies for absence: Susan Dunston.

3. Report on events and activities planning: Angie introduced her paper. It was noted that her role would be expanding over time in response to what was needed. A switch has been made to Mary Smith as supervisor, which facilitates communications with the youth events and activities.

In relation to lunches, it was noted that Dawn, of Love to Eat, has decided to step back from her role as provider of food and the Board wanted to thank her very much for her contribution to the community over six years of very successful community lunches. Fortunately for us, Jax, of Fabby Cakes, has agreed to step into the breach. Quite a lot of Angie's time is being taken up with lunches and attendance is poor. It was agreed that a subsequent discussion should be held to address the question of whether lunches should be suspended for a while. Hall closures may occur causing further hiatus. The point was made, however, that lunches have always been a loss-leader and have been very important for LING and continuity may be important too. Advertising more widely and perhaps arranging a bus are options to consider.

Angie is working with GCAT on walks in the Garroch and is in touch about the Alternative Games and whether LING will make a contribution. A once a month meeting is envisaged to keep up the contact/joint planning.

Geoff Davidson has offered to do a concert for us on 27th November and another in the Spring, which was welcomed as very good news.

Angie is thinking of a Spanish themed event in the park, perhaps in collaboration with GCAT.

Food hygiene courses are under discussion with Catrin and Debbie – perhaps to be run by Audrey Robertson.

The Board recognised that a lot of work was underway and appreciated how fast things were being picked up and were happening.

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4. **Olivia Robinson:** Olivia talked through her paper. The first drop-in youth session had attracted 22 youngsters – a very successful number. Plans for Monday evening meet-ups are in progress. (It was noted that these will have to be co-ordinated around the occasional Community Council meetings on Monday evenings). The planned restart date is 15th August, and a trip to Carlisle is envisaged plus a Halloween Party in combination with CatStrand. Sports sessions with Johnny and first aid training with support from the Red Cross.

Amazing Summer activities got off to a good start with 50+ youngsters signed up for it. Park meet ups are also planned throughout the summer.

Again, the Board were impressed by how much was happening so quickly.

Noted that Angie would like to have a calendar of regular events **(MS and AG)**.

5. **Minutes of meeting on 13th May:** These were considered and approved.

6. **Matters arising:** Noted that item 5, to propose a joint ‘summit’ of GCAT, NGCE and LING Boards, had not yet been done.

Noted that Ros was to progress the installation of a landline phone.

Noted that the PAT testing had been done by Martin Warnock.

7. **Managing new employees:** Noted that this was a learning curve for us as trustees. Some adjustments were being made.

8. **Finance Report:** The report was welcomed. It was noted that although the balance was very healthy, most of the money is tied to particular projects. Noted that the Jubilee Jamboree Project is in the black.

9. **Report on capital works:** It was noted that the downstairs toilets are now complete. The schedule for the upstairs toilets is out for estimate. Ronnie has been looking at costings for lift installation, for outside decorations and for roofing repairs.

On a matter of more concern, Richardson and Starling will be attending on Thursday in response to Glynne having spotted an outbreak of dry rot.

10. **Jubilee Jamboree and ceilidh:** 5th June events had gone well. Draft evaluation report was agreed and would be submitted to council. Peter Renwick and Margaret Watson had been consulted.

11. **Reports of sub-group issues:** i) David reported that 5 names of interested volunteers had come forward at the Jubilee Jamboree Information Table appeal. Saturday walks are starting led by Gerry and David – arranged through GCAT. A project Outline Document is in development.

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ii) In response to a Walled Garden summary following a meeting of the group, a follow-up meeting will be arranged. There was agreement that the Walled Garden Group should be recognised as a formal sub-committee of LING.

iii) New Galloway story: The display boards have now been made and are awaiting collection from Border Signs in Dumfries. Ronnie is doing some work on the newgalloway.com website eg transferring the walks information. A walk description for the walk around the marshes needs to be added. And the historical/heritage aspects of the New Galloway Story. A leaflet about the Burgh Trail is planned and should be available by early Autumn.

12. Defib meeting: Planning is going ahead for some first aid/CPR training and discussions are still afoot for siting a defibrillator at the Town Hall.

13. AOB: Options to cover closures at the Town Hall may not be needed

Noted that the lower hall windows now open and the understairs cupboard has been tanked so is no longer wet.

15. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm Friday 26th August