

MONREITH AND DISTRICT ACTION GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April, 2015

Present: E Norfolk (Chairman), A Malone, E Lucas, P Carrigan, J Lochhead. A Hayward, J McMaster

Apologies: S Shuttleworth, R McKinnel, R Kinnear, P Salmon

Other Attendees: A Perry

Finance

The Treasurer's financial report showed a balance of £644.78.

Play Area Improvements

EN is awaiting plans from three companies for the new Play Area, after which an open day will be held to collect feedback from the community and make a decision as to how to proceed. We will be looking at a completion date of next Spring. EN said the company reps had suggested insisting the council remove the existing play equipment at their expense. The plan, when simplified, consists of a 3 swing unit, a multi-activity centre, fencing and a picnic bench - with the possibility of a new see-saw or spring animal. EN confirmed that Crudens will level the ground disturbed by the installation of the hydrotank before leaving the site. **EN**

Soup Kitchen

It was noted that the above had a great turnout and thanks were expressed to all involved. The event made £256.

Auto Harp Demonstration

To be held on the 4th May at 6pm in the hall. **PS**

Silent Auction

The date for this was changed to the afternoon of the 23rd May, to run from 2pm-3:30pm. It was decided the event would need to be heavily advertised locally and online. EN will produce a poster. **EN, AM**

Fun Day

This will be held on the 23rd August. It was decided to hold it in the hall and on the play area as this makes it more accessible than a beach party. It was decided Jo Lochrie should be asked for some creative input for the event.

Housing Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

These had been distributed and it was felt that the meeting had been successful and that the village received the appropriate support from the council regarding the issues. It was observed that 'plots for sale' signs had still not been erected on the site and AM would contact Jamie Dent regarding this and the possibility of monthly progress reports on the site. **AM**

Funding Applications/Charitable Status

AM has compiled a list of potential sources of funding and will continue to look for more, it was noted that many grants are only open to groups with charitable status. It was felt that the long term costs of gaining charitable status would far outweigh the potential costs of any projects in the immediate future, but it could be something to be considered at another time. **AM**

Registering with Environmental Health

AM has spoken with Linda Kain from the above on the matter. It was decided to take her up on the offer of an informal visit to find out exactly what steps would need to be taken. **AM**

Boundary for Winter Resilience

It was agreed that this should encompass the area book-ended by Barsalloch Point, Knock School and Mid Barsalloch. All properties on roads immediately in the vicinities of these properties will be included on the plan. **EN**

Hall Improvements

EL raised concerns about the state of the building, some hail had come in and the brickwork needs some maintenance. It was decided to seek an experts opinion and then start sourcing quotes. AP observed that the hall was in desperate need of some new crockery. JM suggested requesting a donation in kind from the Community Shop. It was decided that a complete list of items needed be formulated at the Social Events sub-committee and then presented at a meeting. Other suggestions included new cupboards and having the fire door altered to open outwards rather than inwards. It was noted that there is a rodent problem in the hall and the council should be contacted to see if they could offer assistance on the matter. **JM, AM**

Monreith Mouthfuls

EN suggested having these reprinted for sale at MADAG functions to raise funds. It was thought that Mike Marshall would still have the proofs and costings for production should be looked into. **JL**

Broadband

EL has been in communication with BT who can't/won't provide any information in regards to fibre-optic broadband in Monreith. There is money available for other solutions, however a group would need to be formed to apply for this and nothing can be done until BT make their plans clear.

Beach Clean

One will be organised to run during the week within the next month. AM will look into organising another one in September to run with the Marine Conservation Society's annual Great British Beach Clean. **AM**

Notice Board

R Smith is waiting for some specialist glass to arrive before constructing it.

A-Frame

AP felt the above would be a useful advertising tool for any events in the hall.

Audrey Bradfield

JL read a thank you card from the daughters of Mrs Bradfield regarding the support received after the death of their mother.

Date and Venue for next meeting - 4th May, Monreith Hall, 7pm.

