

HELENSBURGH FRIENDS OF GUIDING

Minutes of Committee Meeting held by Zoom on 24th August 2023

1. Attendance

Present: Margaret Morrison, Aileen Baird, Lorraine Brudenell, Elaine Paterson, Tricia Stewart, Alan Summers, Vivien Macpherson.

Apologies: Alison Ringrose and Lorna Hamilton

2. Minutes of meeting on 23rd May 2023

Minutes approved subject to an amendment to 5(h) as Alison advised that she was unaware that she was to work with Tricia on designing a poster for schools.

3. Matters Arising

Lorraine volunteered to prepare a poster for display on community websites and information and contact details to be provided.

4. Chairperson's Report

Report circulated in advance. Margaret mentioned that the application to Tesco for funding for LED lighting remained outstanding. The Business Energy insulation grant has not yet been processed as the application form is daunting and may no longer be available. Still no response from Kenny Allan on starting the wall repairs and agreed an alternative be found and John McNeilage to be approached.

Aileen confirmed that the German Scout visit had been successful and a donation received.

5. Treasurer

The accounts for the year ending 31st May 2023 had been circulated and required to be approved in advance of the AGM and Alan drew attention to the opening and closing balances and a reduction in the funds being carried forward. He anticipated that funds would continue to fall in the future and he was disappointed to note that there was to be no increase in hall charges. The Receipts and Payments Account was reviewed and falling income identified and a return to pre-covid levels still not achieved. The major renewal item related to new gates, which was offset by a grant. The apparent large increase in insurance reflected that in previous year this was covered by a government grant. Electricity benefits from a fixed rate until January 2024.

The committee agreed that the accounts be signed and accepted.

After much discussion on the merits of increasing charges it was agreed that subs remain the same for the rest of the year. Hirers will be given 3 months notice of an increase in hourly rate to £13.50.

Annual Property Report circulated and no changes proposed.

Current bank balance is £12,365, a drop of approx. £1,000 from the end of May. A five yearly check on hall meters carried out and has resulted in works costing £650.

6. AOCB

- a) Aileen reported that two sleepovers have been booked. Facility is shown in GG County Facebook page and reminder that like and love to keep to the fore. Also link on FoG website.
- b) Town Trail and BBQ too late for September and provisionally agreed that should take place on Friday 19th April 2024.
- c) Margaret proposed a lunch in September to acknowledge Alan and Vivien's service and this agreed.
- d) Arrangements for handing over to new secretary and treasurer in hand.
- e) Margaret advised that cleaner attendance will be increased to 2 days per week.

7. Date of Next Meeting

AGM. 11th October 2023 at 7pm.