

Helensburgh Friends of Guiding

Minutes of meeting held at 2.30pm, Monday 21st February 2022
at Brownie Hall, John Street, Helensburgh

1. Present

Margaret Morrison, Aileen Baird, Tricia Stewart, Alan Summers and Vivien Macpherson.

Apologies: Lorna Hamilton, Alison Ringrose,

2. Minutes of previous Meeting

Minutes of meeting on 17th January 2022 approved.

3. Chairperson's Report

- a. Halls cleaning and decorating. The extremely black marks on the floor were removed by Margaret. It has been noted that hall users are not cleaning after themselves and the floors are not brushed clean. An email will be sent to all of them.
- b. Fire drills and extinguishers. Hall users have not been signing that they have conducted fire drills. This requires to be checked with them.
- c. First Aid Kits. No report
- d. Noticeboard. The new noticeboard has been completed and awaits erection. It was decided to give Joe a gift voucher for making the board. Alan has been thinking that the sign could be mounted on two posts one metre from the railings to allow access.
- e. No Parking signs. Margaret has had a reply from the Highways dept who say they are repainting the "Keep Clear" sign on the road in summer.
- f. Security lighting. A movement sensor light to be erected near the gate in order to light the padlock.
- g. St Michael's Church. Margaret had been in touch with GG Scotland regarding the field drain and how it would affect us. She was referred to Jennifer Weir regarding a Deed of Servitude and has spoken to Alastair Hope and St Michael's have been contacted about the request for a Deed of Servitude.
- h. Web site. The web site is looking much better now and Margaret wondered if Units could put a HTML link on their face book page to it. Photos will require parental permission.

4. Treasurer

Alan Summers reported that the current bank balance is £16,450. We use Scottish Power for the electricity and we started this year with a balance of £421 and pay £58 per month but with the current power prices it has brought our balance down to £132, this being a drop of approx. £300.

Agreed that users should be warned that rent may be increased later in the year.

5. Covid update

No further report.

6. Any other competent business

- a) The new storage shed for the fire pit has been tied to the railing and it has a gravel base. Tricia Stewart is looking at fireproof gloves for use when moving the pit.
- b) It was thought a training session in erecting the new gazebo should take place. It was decided this should happen on 15th April. At 4.30pm when we are also erecting it for use the next day. Units to be advised.

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- c) Tricia Stewart has prepared a poster for the Table Top Sale and will try to get it on display in about fifteen outlets. Trefoil Guild have been asked to man the refreshments in the Brownie Hall and the cake stall.
- d) It was decided to ask the cleaner to put out the recycling bins again.
- e) John McNeilage is repairing a broken gutter, checking ball marks on ceiling in the porch, repairing the drawer in the kitchen and putting in sealant round windows. Also removing ball that is blocking a gutter.
- f) Toyota will reassess their wall. The factors for 15 John Street, Hacking and Paterson, have been notified of loose slates and storm damage to the roof and it is not known when repairs will be done.
- g) Fiona from Yoga Class was locked in one day when a user from the Scout Hall left and closed the gate after them. An email is being sent out to Scout Hall users and Aileen will send one to all Guide Hall users.
- h) Aileen reported that Thursday Country Dancing has not yet returned and Join the Dots do not want extra hours.

7. Date of next meetings.

Next committee meeting on 4th April 2022 at 2.30pm.