

**MINUTES OF GALA & EVENTS COMMITTEE,  
FOCHABERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

Charity No: SC044569

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018**

**8:00 pm INSTITUTE, FOCHABERS**

**CHAIRMAN:** Elizabeth Rennie

**PRESENT:** Iain Rennie; Gordon Christie; Sybil Stuart; Audrey MacAuley; Helen Morrison; Alison Clavey; Michael Reid; Una Hamilton; Janet Philpott; Jane Williams

**APOLOGIES:** Lorna Whelan; Angus Gordon Lennox; Megan McKay; George McIntyre; Caroline Leslie; Chris Overing

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Liz welcomed a large turnout and thanked members for coming along.	
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes from 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved by Alison Clavey and seconded by Una Hamilton	
<b>Matters Arising</b>	No matters arising	
<b>Correspondence</b>	E-mail received from Shona McKay to say that Megan wouldn't be able to attend the meeting and that she would be happy to organise the Junior Races for next year's gala.	
<b>Treasurer's report</b>	Iain gave a breakdown of the income from the gala. After expenses the profit for this year was just over £8000. If anyone would like a copy of the breakdown, please contact me.	
<b>Gala</b>	<p><b>Thursday</b> The Gala VIPs did very well this year. Thanks are to go to Mr Angus Munro who stepped in at the last minutes with his vintage car to transport the VIPs to the Square where they carried out their duties well. Thank you to Julie Muir for pampering the VIP's and to Bill Royan for the use of his speaker system. The tombola was well supported, with all of the prizes coming from donations. Thanks to everyone who helped with teas and raffles. Well done everyone</p> <p><b>Friday</b> Thanks to Alison for organising the event again this year and to her teams, with special thanks to Mal Stewart and Gordon McKay for stopping the ducks before they escaped into the Spey. The route is to be looked at for next year given the problems with part of the burn this year.</p>	

	<p>There was a smaller number of teams this year and the committee felt that this was due to holding it on Friday evening. Consideration to be made to moving the Quiz back to Saturday for 2019. Thank you to everyone who helped with the quiz.</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> The Junior Races were very successful and full credit needs to go to Megan McKay for organising these. There was a good entry and the children seemed to enjoy the experience. There was brisk trade at the Strawberry Teas and Lorna Young with Active Schools provided activities in the Square for the children. Thanks to both.</p> <p>It was felt that the concert was a bit long and will be reconsidered for 2019. Letter to be sent to Speyfest thanking them for organising and for playing on Sunday.</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Thanks goes out to the very good team that turned up in the morning. This went very smoothly. Thanks to everyone who came along. The afternoon was very busy. The burger stall sold out, the entertainment was excellent and every stall seemed to do a roaring trade. The Mens Shed is to be asked to revamp the Wheel of Fortune wheel.</p> <p>The original ducks were loaned out after 2017 gala and have not been returned, so the ducks used in the duck race were used but they were too light. Plea to go out for the return of the ducks. The Jean Carr Race had 100 runners and was very well organised.</p> <p>This year we trialled not closing the High Street and overall it was successful. Thanks to Ian Alexander and Kevin Smith for taking on the roles of road marshals. Overall this worked although Alison Clavey wanted it noted that she objected to the non-closure of the road due to cars still coming through at a faster rate than was felt safe.</p> <p>A huge thankyou to everyone who helped over the weekend and to all who donated raffles</p>	
<b>AOCB</b>	Benches in Square - these need to be cleaned and revarnished.	
<b>Future events</b>	<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b> Psychic Evening – This event is now sold out. Sausage Roll and Scones along with tea and coffee to be served at half time.</p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b> Islander which is a musical event</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> December 2018</b> – Switch on of Christmas Lights which will be put up the week before. We are waiting a quote from the lighting people for new lights for the Square and Church</p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> Bring a Party to a Party. Hall is booked. Tour Bus Fortune have been booked at a cost of £700. Caledonia Catering confirmed for the catering. Small sub-committee – Liz, Sybil, Emma, Audrey and Caroline along with Sam. Stewart</p>	

	<p>Harris is to sort out the paperwork for the party and Sybil is to take the bookings</p> <p>Events other than Village Association organised:  11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Heritage - Commemoration for end of World War I  14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Pantomime by Fochabers Community Theatre</p>	
<b>Advertising Co-ordinator</b>	<p>Donald Cameron volunteered to co-ordinate the information and he can be contacted on 01343 820688 or by e-mail: <a href="mailto:doncame@btinternet.com">doncame@btinternet.com</a></p>	DC
<b>Future Dates</b>	<p><b>Meetings</b>  3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018  14<sup>th</sup> November 2018  16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Joint AGM    19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 - Gala</p>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm  The next meeting is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018</p> <p>Future meetings to be advertised in the Northern Scot. E-mail to <a href="mailto:newsdesk@northernscot.co.uk">newsdesk@northernscot.co.uk</a> by Tuesday of the week prior to the meeting.</p>	ALL