

Glendale Trust  
Company No. SC 327627.  
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Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at Glendale Hall, Glendale. 7.00pm

**Present:** Ian, Ann, Joy, Ewan, David, Ocean, Graham, Natalie, Brian, Margaret arrived during item 11.

**Apologies:** Stuart and Fay

**In attendance:** Tara

Prior to the start of the meeting Ian asked the Board if Tara could address the Board at the points where the business was relevant to her attendance. This was agreed.

2. **Minutes** of meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November agreed. Proposed: David, 2<sup>nd</sup>: by Ann.

3. **Minutes** of meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> November agreed. Proposed: Joy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: by Ewan.

4. There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda as published.

5. **Secretary's Report.** Nothing to add to previous report that was not to be covered.

6. **Treasurer's report.** The joint event with the Hall Committee for St Andrews Night had realised £98.50 for trust funds. A full report on the state of Trust funds will be made at the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 as Ewan was currently compiling the financial statement for OSCR.

7. Ian reported on the event above. He stated that though the event was not as well attended as had been hoped for it was still a success. Those who had attended had enjoyed a very good night with excellent music and dancing. Particular thanks were given to Ocean for her 'nibbles' and Craig and Ellie for the excellent music. The Hall acoustics were a slight problem in relation to the event though it is understood that the Hall Committee are currently investigating. An offer of help has come from Stuart. This will be passed on to the Hall Committee.

8. **Hogmany Event.** It was reported that Craig and Ellie have agreed to play at the event. Stuart Bell and Stuart Edinburgh have agreed to build the bonfire. The BBQ is available should it be needed. Brian has offered to conduct a full Health and Safety risk assessment of the venue and proposed activities on the night with a view to ensuring public safety. Brian is a retired Police Officer and former Health and Safety Officer for the TGWU so has experience of the legal requirements. Brian will liase with the two Stuart's on the bonfire. Rhona Smith, Joy Davis, Ann and Ocean have agreed to help out with a BBQ if it happens. We have valid Hygiene certification from Highland Council. It was agreed that Ewan will investigate Public Liability Insurance for the event ( Hiscox Insurance and NFU ). It was noted that the Pier Store is covered by the Glendale Estate insurance and the Pier area is public land. Ian and Ewan will liase over the event organisation.

A discussion then followed over setting up an 'Event' organisation through a Community Interest Company. This will involve other organisations in the Glen to

establish a full calendar of events for community involvement and fully use all the available resources. Natalie agreed to research the merits of such.

**9. Burns Supper.** Ian outlined a joint venture with the Hall Committee to build upon the events of previous years. The event will attempt to raise the profile of the Trust and Hall but also of Glendale itself. A number of potential speakers have been approached including Charles Kennedy MP. It is proposed to hold the event on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Sponsorship from two large companies has already been obtained to the sum of £300. Approaches are also anticipated to other potential sponsors to hopefully raise some £500 for both organisations. It is hoped to provide a full meal and drinks to accompany the speakers and other entertainment. Ticket prices will reflect the nature of the event but are to be held at £15 each.

**10. The Trust AGM** will be on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in the Hall. Full details will be made public on 7<sup>th</sup> January but will hopefully include some form of entertainment, possibly the Plockton Children's Band.

#### **11. Development Projects.**

**Meanish Pier and surrounds;** It is agreed that this project is (very) temporarily held in abeyance pending the Mooring Association meeting to alter their M's and A's as per the advice previously obtained from CADISPA.

**Heritage Centre Project;** It was decided to canvas opinion of all the Directors present to focus on any issues which had arisen over the past few weeks.

Following this 'round table' view it was decided that:

1. The Trust move to continue the dialogue with HIE concerning the Community Account Management project with a view to being selected for the benefits it can provide.
2. A question be put through the newsletter to parents of school age children as to whether they would send their children to a school in Glendale.
3. Consultation. The Public meeting has been and gone. Discussion continues through direct approaches to the Trust by newsletter and other mediums. The Business Plan has evolved and will continue to do so from this feedback. The Trust has to accept that the school is, to all intents and purposes, dead. We should approach the Council to try and get a lease, at least in the short term, to ensure that the building remains in public ownership. If we have everything in place we can push for this. By retaining the building in it's current form we will be able to allow the quick change back to a school if circumstances permit in the future. If it changes to social housing then it will be gone forever.
4. WHFP letter. We believe that there is no Angus MacDonald at that address. There is a possibility that the letter is purely malicious and may be libellous. Chair to draft a letter to the WHFP expressing our views and pointing out the gross errors. Chair to also speak to the editor of the WHFP by telephone.

5. Lisa Clelland's letter; Chair to write to Lisa expressing our clear and concise views on the letter and explaining our current position and mandate.

**Website.** Graham asks that all directors supply information for the website as soon as possible. Potential funders to assess the credibility of the Trust use this.

**AOCB.** Natalie will be undertaking a walk the length of Skye to raise seed funding for the Trust. More details to follow.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Next meeting 7pm 7<sup>th</sup> January