

Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held online by ZOOM on Thursday 18th February 2021 at 6.30pm

1. WELCOME

Present :- Alec Mutch, Geoff Potter, Cliff Sim, John Ruickbie, Nick Simpson, Mike Day, Errol Levings, David Line and Peter Lawrence

APOLOGIES: Jim Kelman, Douglas Stewart, Richard Comfort

Geoff Potter (GP) welcomed everyone to the online meeting. The Zoom meeting was hosted by GP with prior e-mail invitations sent to all the Committee.

GP informed the Committee that the Zoom meeting was limited to 40 minutes but a new Zoom meeting could be arranged immediately after this meeting if that was necessary.

2. MARYBURGH OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

Alec Mutch (AM) gave updated news about Maryburgh Old Primary School.

A few weeks ago the HC (Highland Council's) CAT (Community Asset Transfer) officials were asked and confirmed that they would be recommending the MMS (Maryburgh Mens Shed) proposal to acquire the building for £1.

The HC meeting to consider and decide on the Asset Transfer was scheduled for 11.30 Wednesday 24th February 2021. Members can view this meeting on their web browser at home by clicking [Communities and Place Committee - 24 February 2021 - Wed, 24 Feb 2021 - 11:30 am - Highland Council Webcasting \(public-i.tv\)](#)

Alec Mutch and Cliff Sim are on the Committee of the MMS along with Maryburgh residents involved with the Men's Shed and Maryburgh Matters.

A grant of £16k - a Community Benefit Fund arising from the adjacent house building has been allocated to MMS. This fund would be used to remedy various faults with the building eg leaks, windows etc.

A forthcoming meeting would be used to persuade the Maryburgh Community Council to use this building for their future meetings.

Planning approval for a change of use was required, but no difficulties were anticipated. Access to the building may be some time away and may be 2022. The legal transfer would in any case be 3 – 4 months.

Conveyancing would be carried out by Middleton, Ross and Arnott at no charge.

3. CHANGE OF VENUE FOR HWC

GP reported that we currently have 41 members out of a possible 64 who have renewed their 2021 membership. Only 7 out of the 64 have indicated that they are not rejoining.

AM explained that due to the practicalities an AGM had not been held this year and there had been a limited number of objections about that. It was therefore proposed that following the confirmation of a successful bid for the CAT then the HWC would hold an EGM to consider and confirm from all members whether they wished to transfer the Club meetings to these premises or not.

It was proposed that an EGM would be held by Zoom with all current members to be invited – letters to be sent out and opinions by letter received from any members who did not attend the Zoom meeting. (3 weeks notice for an EGM is required by the HWC Constitution).

Extraction and Ventilation would be needed by the MMS too and it was anticipated that the Grant fund may be used for the joint HWC/MMS requirements.

4. A General discussion about the Maryburgh Building ensued including....

Drawings of the building have been requested.

HIGHLAND WOODTURNING CLUB, Club Premises, Munlochy Village Hall

The HWC will become tenants of the MMS. Rent/lease/ heating and electric supply would need to be agreed.

Advice about the HVAC would be required from someone with specialist knowledge. An external housing was preferred.

The Electricity supplier would probably install the missing meters.

The allocation of the internal rooms had to be decided. Rooms may be linked to provide a bigger space.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was proposed for 25th February where the details for a proposed EGM would be decided.

6. AOCB

None

7. END OF MEETING

The meeting was terminated by Zoom after 40 minutes but it was restarted again immediately. Most members rejoined briefly by clicking on the e-mailed link again – thanks to all for the smooth running of this Zoom meeting.