

## HIGHLAND WOODTURNING CLUB, Club Premises, Munloch Village Hall

Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETINGS held online by ZOOM on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6.30pm and the follow on meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### 1. WELCOME to Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Present :- Alec Mutch, Geoff Potter, Mike Day, Errol Levings, David Line, Peter Lawrence, Douglas Stewart, John Ruickbie, Cliff Sim, Alan Geddes, Jim Kelman

**APOLOGIES:** Nick Simpson

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 in time to 40 minutes with a new meeting started immediately after if needed.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of meeting held 04/06/21 were proposed as correct by PL and seconded by CS. Approved by all.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

### 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

We have a total of 48 paid up Members.

### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

We have a good surplus of funds. Recent expenditure was on prizes for the competition and fees for the website.

### 6. MARYBURGH

AM reported on the MMS Building Steering Committee (MMSBSC) meeting held last Thursday with the 7 members [ 4 x MMS (Maryburgh Mens Shed), 1x MM (Maryburgh Matters) and 2x HWC].

Several items were wanting to be considered by HWC which were still not discussed or resolved.

The Formal Agreement for the tenancy of the building by HWC has not been agreed. The original version by HWC had been turned down. The second version drawn up by MMSBSC had also been rejected by the MMSBSC. A third draft by MMSBSC was considered to be worse than the previous drafts and was unacceptable to HWC.

It had been revealed by MM that there was a proposal for a cafe for Room 1 which was supported by the other MMSBSC members. This would involve exclusive use of Room 1 with no access for HWC for tea making facilities, socialising or HWC meetings other than occupancy of Room 3. It had been proposed that the Maryburgh building would be Maryburgh Hub.

No progress had been made about rents for MM or HWC. No progress for agreement of the times of usage of the building which would maximise the available parking and optimise the use of the building. No progress had been made about agreement or commitment for provision of HVAC.

CS had a prepared statement from HWC but this was interrupted and not allowed to be presented. A printed copy was left at the meeting. HWC would report to the today's HWC meeting and consider the current Formal Agreement and MMSBSC would be informed of the result of the HWC decision.

Due to the lack of progress and agreement HWC withdrew from the MMSBSC meeting.

AM advised that there was a lack of trust of HWC by MMSBSC, HWC were not being kept informed about MMSBSC proposals. He considered that the current proposals by MMSBSC would not accommodate HWC's needs, were inconsistent with the CAT application, the Business Plan, the Planning Approval and possibly the charitable aims of MMS.

AM had asked Councillor Margaret Paterson for advice and had been referred to speak to Di Agnew , but had been unable to do so today.

A written contribution from NS was given by PL.

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General discussion took place with a consensus that an acceptable Formal tenancy agreement, a commitment to install HVAC and access for meeting space and tea making facilities in addition to the occupancy of Room 3 were HWC's minimum requirements. A return to Munloch was not ruled out.

It was agreed that all Committee Members would reflect on the information provided at this meeting and individually submit these to AM. These would be summarised by AM and another Zoom meeting would be held next week.

Meanwhile the result of this HWC meeting would be conveyed to MMSBSC.

### **7. AOCB**

A vote of thanks was given by the whole Committee to AM.

### **8. NEXT MEETING**

To be arranged soon once AM receives comments from each Committee Member.

## **WELCOME to Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6.30pm**

Present :- Alec Mutch, Geoff Potter, Mike Day, Errol Levings, David Line, Douglas Stewart, John Ruickbie, Cliff Sim, Alan Geddes, Jim Kelman, Nick Simpson

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Lawrence

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### **A. MARYBURGH**

1. AM reported that he had received responses from all the Committee members. The outcomes were that Committee Members opinions were:-

3 members in favour of *Out now*, 7 for *Don't Trust MMS*, 6 for *More talks with MMS*, 5 for a *Formal agreement with MMS*, 4 for *Seeking alternative accommodation*, 5 for *Out if no agreement*, 4 for a *Proper lease (1, 5, 10 or 15 year)*, 4 in favour of *looking at Munloch again*. AM concluded that the majority were in favour of looking for an alternative to Maryburgh, did not trust MMS and would need a proper lease as assurance.

2. AM advised that he had emailed MMSBSC and requested further talks to reach an agreement. MMS had responded that they see little point in any more talks and HWC had not respected MMS's views as landlords. MMS had suggested that the matter should be put back to HWC members.

AM invited comments from everyone.

3. It was put forward that the door to Maryburgh was not completely closed. HWC cannot give up Munloch until we have an agreement with MMS. It was thought that MMS would have wanted a rent paying tenant to ensure the income necessary to run the Munloch building.
4. AM reminded the Committee that MMS had rejected their own proposed ( second ) agreement and the last proposed agreement (third) was unacceptable to HWC. His opinion that MMS did not want HWC but they preferred that HWC left of their own accord and MMS did not make us go.

AM reported that Dot Ferguson of the Highland Council had probably consulted the HC CAT officials and had advised that these community groups often changed their aims, that this was not material as long as they met their charitable aims.

5. CS was in favour of one more meeting with MMS at a MMSBSC meeting to get a definite straight answers for HWC. CS advised and AM confirmed that the latest MMSBSC minutes did not reflect the meeting and had refused to amend them and as such were incomplete.
6. A decision was made by each member present:- 4 members were for staying in and negotiating at least once more whereas 7 were in favour of pulling out now, (with one absent member unknown).

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7. AM would contact MMSBSC with the HWC majority view and request one last meeting but expected a negative or no reply.

### **B THE WAY FORWARD**

1. An email had been circulated to all from JR which shows possible alterations at Munlochy to provide better accommodation. The area proposed was used by others at present but could be adapted and accommodated in the adjacent area.
2. Various points were made. It will take time to get proposals planning, building warrant and consents etc but this was not insurmountable. Alternative accommodation elsewhere would be difficult to find. Munlochy's opinion would need to be sought urgently. JR's plan could be extended perhaps to provide a larger area. As an incentive we could produce wooden play items for the Munlochy playgroup. It was put forward that HWC could still meet at Munlochy with limited numbers or split meetings.
3. HWC cannot become a Charity because we are not Community based. It is likely that Munlochy are a Charity and it is their building.
4. It was proposed that a sub group AM, JR, GP and PL take staying at Munlochy forward.
5. CS and AG would look into possible funding. EL would forward his potential funding partner list.

### **C NEXT MEETING**

Date dependent on any meeting with Munlochy Hall Committee.