

# MANOR/CASTLE WARDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## GRIANAN

TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

### **1. Present**

Eric Anderson (Vice Chair), Dolene Smith (Secretary), Gordon Murray (Councillor)

**In Attendance:** Cathie Macleod, Katie M Maciver, Phemie Ferguson, M.Macleod, G Saunders, C Macleod, G.A Macleod, Norrie Mackenzie, Marion Mackenzie, Chris Kelso, D.J MacLennan, Iain Hamilton, Malcolm Macdonald

**Apologies:** Roddy Nicolson (Chair), D.R Morrison (Treasurer), Mary Macleod, Meg Macleod, Susan Morrison, Chrissie Fraser

**2. Welcome:** The Vice Chair welcomed all present.

**3. Appointment of New Secretary** The committee appointed Dolene Smith as the new Secretary.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Gordon proposed the minutes and Eric approved.

### **5. Matters Arising:**

#### Stornoway Primary

Councillor Gordon Murray gave an overview of the current position regarding Stornoway Primary. Discussion took place about the size and condition of the school.

There is an issue with overcrowding especially since Sandwick School closed.

Overall the conditions were described as not adequate. The more appropriate option would possibly be a new build rather than spend on renovation. Councillors will be discussing in the near future.

#### Assaye Place

A data reading was taken recently and more discussion took place regarding the work needed for this area, taking into consideration the level of traffic in that area. Buses and lorries struggle in between Macaulay Road and Willowglen Road and Manor roundabout also needs upgrade. This issue has been raised with the Leader of the Council.

## **6. Manor Trip**

Those who were interested in being part of the Easter Trip away were asked to put their names on the list so we could have an idea of numbers to confirm an itinerary. A proposed date was discussed ideally to be compatible with the school holiday. The Stirling area was mentioned and a member of the group requested that consideration be given to the best deals available.

Bag packing is booked for the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of December to raise funds for the trip. The Facebook page will raise awareness to others who might be interested.

## **7. Presentation**

Iain Hamilton gave thanks for all the memories over the last twenty years. He was reminiscing on the trips away and all the good times had with the group. Iain also remembered the late Councillor Iain Mackenzie who was first elected in 2012 and was a great help to the group. Mr Hamilton feels the association is as strong as it has ever been.

## **8. A.O.C.B.**

A questionnaire was handed out by Gordon regarding views on public transport. It is also available on the Comhairle website.

It was requested to bring hamper donations to the next meeting.

## **9. Update on finances**

The figure of £3358.16 was provided.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7:30pm.