

## MINUTES

### MANOR & CASTLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Friday 20 November 2020  
WhatsApp at 6pm

#### **Present:**

Eric Anderson (chair), Katie Laing (secretary), Dolene Anne Smith (treasurer)

#### **In attendance:**

Gordon Murray

#### **Crown Estates funding:**

Various aspects of the Crown Estates fund were discussed. Concern was raised that we were still uncertain about the status of the land we would like to use for an allotment (at the back of Grianan), especially as the deadline for applications to the fund is so close. Questions were asked about whether an application from us to the fund, without having outline planning permission or a business case, would be competent.

Gordon agreed to get in touch with Sharon Reid for clarification.

Advice had been sought, since the last meeting, from Susanne Erbida in terms of likely costs of polytunnels etc, and quotes were obtained from AMK for a polycrub, which have been passed on to Sharon Reid.

#### **Christmas hamper suggestion:**

Eric has received a suggestion from Sharon Reid, that the community association consider giving out Christmas hampers to the older folk in lieu of their Christmas lunch. Everyone at the meeting agreed this would be problematic to administer – with some people in a street receiving a hamper but their neighbours not, eg – and agreed it would be better to avoid spending money on hampers (especially since we have not been fundraising for them, the way we normally do for the Christmas lunch with bag packing etc). Instead, we agreed it would be preferable to arrange a celebratory lunch as we are on the other side of Covid,

Eric will send our response to Sharon Reid.

#### **Columbia Play playpark:**

Dan Macphail has ordered the equipment for the playpark. Manor and Castle Community Association will be paying for the seesaw (ordered) later on, and money is in the account for that. A total of four items have been ordered. Eric estimated that installation would probably be in March.

#### **Arnish Consortium:**

Eric reported there had been communications on this community project and the next meeting of the parties and the lawyers was scheduled for December 3.

### **A wider meeting of the Community Association:**

Regret was expressed that we have not yet managed to get ourselves online for a Zoom meeting that the wider membership of the Association can join in with. Katie offered to try to host one, before Christmas, to allow residents to come together in conversation.

Katie will host a 'dummy run' Zoom meeting on Tuesday, 24 November, with a view to hosting the proper one for the membership (with the Zoom link to be sent out via emails for security purposes) on Tuesday, 15 December. We will aim to send out invitations, with an agenda, just as we would at a 'normal' meeting.

Dolene offered to phone all the members she has contact details for, to obtain their emails. It was agreed that this would need to be done within a fortnight.

### **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday, 24 November, then Tuesday, 15 December