

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY WANLOCKHEAD VILLAGE COUNCIL

4TH JULY, 2016 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Audrey Ridley, Chair, Androulla Richford, Secretary, Lynda Findlay, William Findlay, Jean Edmiston, Marilyn Pickburn, Harry Pickburn, Ian Marden.

APOLOGIES: Anne Arrigoni

Minutes of the last meeting read and corrected (did not register apologies from Marilyn Pickburn). Minutes proposed by Ian Marden and seconded by Harry Pickburn.

Jean Edmiston was invited to inform the meeting about the Dark Sky project and the possibilities and benefits for Wanlockhead obtaining such a status. Similar to the Dark Sky at Night in the Forrest of Galloway and more recently Moffat.

Dark Skies at Night is an international worldwide Award based in America, its aims are to cut light pollution and save energy. It seems Wanlockhead maybe well placed to acquire such an award, because of its location and existing lighting.

The time span is from October to April when we have dark skies. Some of the benefits: further highlighting Scotland's highest village, with such an award, enhance tourism, education, save energy.

It was agreed that Jean continue to liaise with Jim Paterson, consultant, involved in the Moffat Award and invite him to come and speak to us in the autumn.

MATTERS ARISING:

BOWLING CLUB

The chair informed the meeting that she had written to the Estate thanking them for removing the asbestos that had been laying at the back of the Bowling Club for many years. Also she informed the Estate that we would repossess the Club building within 28 days if we had no response. There was no response. This was discussed and agreed that she would either phone or write directly to the Duke.

GARDENS: Update from Lynda. She had phoned George Moffat, re paint for garden benches refurbishment. She also commented that the broken fencing around tree plantations have still not been removed – chair will speak to the Estate.

DEFIBRILLATOR – The Chair reported she had No News from GANDL

POST: Marilyn informed the meeting that Fiona had given her assurances that the post will be delivered as normal during the road closure.

PROJECT VISIBLE: Harry informed the meeting he is still awaiting a reply from Margaret Smith, at Museum.

FINANCE: Due to illness the Treasurer was not available with her report.

WIND FARM: there was nothing to report

VILLAGE BUYOUT: continuing with the route map, public consultation to be held at community centre on Sunday 17th July, between 3 – 5 pm.

AGM:

The meeting discussed when to hold this and it was agreed for the 19th September. Secretary to prepare a Leaflet by the next meeting informing the village and inviting residents to participate. Leaflet to have input and approval by the committee before circulating.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP: final preparations were discussed.

AOB: Lynda reported that asbestos had been dumped at the north end of the village.

DUE TO HOLIDAY COMMITMENTS IN AUGUST;

DATE OF NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THE 25TH JULY, 2016, INSTEAD OF THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST.