Minutes from Magilligan Community Association AGM

Date: 27th November 2017

Venue: Magilligan Community Centre

In attendance; Leona Ferris, Alice Conn, Nicola McLaughlin, Danielle McCrudden, Gerry Mullan, Annie-Mary Mullan, Michael Cooke, Robin O’Neill.

Apologies; Bill Clyde

Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were presented by the secretary and agreed for accuracy. Adoption proposed by Michael Cooke and seconded by Annie-Mary Mullan.

Chairpersons Report

Leona began by welcoming everyone to our meeting, and then went on to discuss the events of the year gone by.

The first item that Leona reported upon was the Monday club, in order for the group to keep going during the summer months they have become self sufficient, opening up and closing the hall on their own and also bringing their own food. This has worked well and has ensured that the group keeps going. Other groups maintaining their use of the hall are the bowls group and the Irish dancing lessons, these groups also keep a regular income flowing into the centre.

The next item was the David Campbell Soccer School, who returned for another successful summer scheme and the chocolate workshop, both events were well attended and enjoyed by all participants.

Gerry Mullan agreed to chase up the Councils plans on granting a right of way into the allotments, he will try and get an answer on this issue from Richard Baker. Gerry also agreed to try and find out about the annual £250 fund from Council to help with Christmas celebrations.

Leona then reported that annual running costs grant had been successfully attained from Causeway Coast and Glens, the group achieved the sum of £1388.00 to help with running the Community Centre.
Leona also reported on the success of attaining the volunteering grant of £1139.47 from LCDI, this money will pay for new equipment, a contribution towards running costs and training courses at LCDI and a Volunteer Celebration Evening at The Point in recognition of the work of all volunteers.

Leona reported back to the group the disappointing news that on this occasion the funding application to Space and Place had been unsuccessful. The group agreed that on this occasion maybe it was not such bad news as the group would have a busy enough upcoming year with the new centre build beginning.

Leona also mentioned the Village Renewal scheme, and that Council would be in touch with the committee with further information as soon it becomes available.

Lastly, Leona give an update on the new centre build, at present there has not been much progress, with architect Wayne Hall explaining that hold ups at the planning stage have slowed the process down greatly.

**Treasurers Report**

The income and expenditure account was prepared by Donaldson and Thompson accountants, based on the records of Magilligan Community Association and details made by the management committee. This report was presented by Alice Conn.

**Craft Group Report**

Annie-Mary reported on the on-going success of the Craft Group, the group meets weekly on Thursday night 7pm till 9pm. The group was founded in 2013 and has gone from strength to strength.

Annie-Mary gave us a brief treasury report on the group and spoke of any activities and craft events that the group took part in throughout the year.

It is very evident that the group fulfils a need in the community as feedback from its members prove.

**Parent and Toddler Group Report**

Leona reported on the Parent and Toddler group, Leona mentions that the group is essential to the local residents, providing much needed outreach and support to new parents.

Leona mentioned that the group is now handed over to a new management committee and will move back to meeting on Wednesday mornings from 10am till 12.00. The group is
entering a new phase and hopefully will grow and continue to use the hall whilst it is suitable for their needs.

Community Allotments Report

Annie-Mary reported on the continuing success of the Community Allotments programme. She reported that the Council had agreed a voluntary management agreement for an interim period of 6 months. Annie also told us of the groups success in securing funding from the Dunmore windfarm fund. This funding paid for new benches in the poly tunnels, and training provision both for adults and the local schools.

Annie-Mary mentioned some on-going issues that need to be addressed but overall the programme has been very successful with all plots being fully utilized and a waiting list for plots being compiled.

Election of Officers

Voted in as Chairperson is Leona Ferris; this was proposed by Gerry Mullan, seconded by Kerry Connolly.

Voted back in as Vice Chairperson is Kerry Connolly; this was proposed by Leona Ferris, seconded by Michael Cooke.

Voted in as Treasurer is Alice Conn; this was proposed by Leona Ferris, seconded by Annie-Mary Mullan.

Voted in as secretary is Danielle McCrudden; this was proposed by Annie-Mary Mullan, seconded by Alice Conn.

Programme of Work

The only big programme of work for the up-coming year will be the completion of the new hall.

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There was no other business
Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th January 2018