

Held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 5pm, at William Simpsons Care Home

Present: Trustees: Robert, Bob, William, Catherine-Ann, Natasha, Zoe, Tracy, Leah, Scott, Fiona

Stirling Council: Sharon, Emma

Students: Lisa, Ashley, Shaun

1. Welcome and Introductions

Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting and all attendees introduced themselves.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Review of actions from previous meeting

Dog Mess: Sharon is going to arrange to speak with the company who own the dog bins surrounding the dog mess which is left around Plean. A litter pick was also mentioned which will have to be organized, when this is arranged, it will be posted on our Plean voice page to inform the members/Community of this happening. **Action Point: Sharon to contact company managing the dog waste bins and liaise with Bob.**

Indoor Bowls: The bowls event has been successful.

Easter Egg Hunt: School have arranged for this to happen.

Keyholder: Bob is the only keyholder for the Balfour Centre, but some members of the group have applied and are awaiting a response. Emma, who runs the youth group down at the Balfour Center, informed us of an incident she had with another key holder. While the Centre was already booked, these key holders tried to force their way in and were very confrontational with Emma and her staff. She informed us of this incident in case we are ever put in a similar situation, during one of our events.

4. Acceptance of last meeting Minutes

Bob McWilliam (Chairman) approved the minutes from the last meeting and Robert Jack (Vice Chairman) seconded them.

5. Operational Update

Trustees: Zoe and Leah are to sign documents regarding becoming trustees.

Roles Of Trustees: Members of the group have now been appointed roles. **Action Point: Leah to get note of trustee roles.**

Office Location: We are still looking into getting the shop on the Main Street along from the library to be our base but might need some work done. Plean's local councilor, Brian Hambly and Sharon are helping with this.

Email Set Up: Looking into all trustees getting emails so they can be contacted directly and creating an 'info' email for Plean Voice, which the public can use to contact us regarding events or any question they may have.

Website: Bob has purchased the domain name (Plean.org) and Scott has been working on creating Plean's Voice a website. We need to have a website/be registered as a charity in order to make free use of the Google office package; at present Scott is paying the google charges himself as a donation to Plean's Voice.

Trustee Training: There will be an opportunity for trustees to have training and will cost between £40 - £60, for which the trust would pay. Sharon thinks we could receive a grant from the council regarding training. Tracy and

Natasha informed the group that their spreadsheet training will take some getting used to but were all sure they will do great! **Action Point: Bob to speak with Jean regarding training grant and liaise with Lee Stevenson on potential dates.**

6. Financial Update

We have applied for a bank account with co-op which they are currently reviewing, and Co-op has advised us that all trustees should be signatories. This would mean all trustees who wish to will have their own card and all spending on these cards would be overseen to ensure they will not be misused.

7. Project Update

Soup & Sandwiches: Cathrine Anne informed us that the soup and sandwiches event has been very successful with turnouts between 24-30 people. Funding for this event will only last to April but potentially looking into ways of keeping it going including making it every 2nd week instead of every week if going to be affordable. There was also talk about hosting a Mother's Day themed afternoon tea which would consist of sandwiches, tea and cakes for the 20th

Cinema Project: Bob stated that there are still some legal things to figure out regarding an occupational license for the Balfour centre to hold the cinema. Funding for this project is only 6 months but are hoping to potentially arrange a meeting with MacRobert and Stirling council to extend the cinema for a year (or even indefinitely) if it's successful. Group (Scott, William, Robert, Fiona, Bob) to be created to take this forward. Other groups will work on programming and with decorating the Centre. Emma has volunteered the youth group to help with decoration. All the equipment for the cinema has now been delivered to the MacRobert.

Plean Football Club: William updated us about the football team coming together and has coaches in place for that. All seems to be going well, William is just waiting for one person to respond before going any further.

Electronic Notice Board: The electronic notice board would be placed in the window of the empty shop on the Main Street, Sharon has put this idea to the housing office and is awaiting a response from them. **Action Point: Sharon to chase up housing dept. Councillor Brian Hamby is also pursuing this on our behalf.**

Stay n Play: Alyson who runs the Stay n Play still has not been granted keyholder status and is waiting to hear from Stirling council regarding this. Funding for the stay n play will last around 2 years.

Eastern Villages Area Form: Some members of Pleans voice (Robert, William, Leah, Chris Kelly) have joined a small sub-group where they've been meeting with Fern Milne, who is out Community Development Co-ordinator. In these meetings, they have been putting together an Area Form Development Plan which consists of problems we feel our community is facing. The group has had 3 meeting now and are meeting with other community groups such as Cowie, Bannockburn and Fallin on Saturday 11th March, to discuss our problems and hopefully assist each other in finding solutions. Robert, William and Leah will report back to the group in the next meeting on what's been said.

8. Any Other Business

Logo: Plean's Voice have been thinking of designing our own logo, William informed the group that's Chris has been designing some logos and will share them with the group.

Gala: East Plean Primary School Parent Council has already arranged something for the gala on 10th June, so Plean's voice are not getting directly involved but will support as much as possible. We need more time to plan/fundraise for this in the future.

Polmaise Recycling Centre: Bob received an email from mark which was forwarded from the manager of Polmaise Recycling Centre indicating that the matter of booking before attending was still under review.

Resilience Group: Ashley and Shaun gave a brief introduction on the subject and it was agreed that Zoe would work with them to take this forward.

Visioning Group: Lisa, who has been working with us for much of this year agreed to look at this further with Natasha.

9. Dates of Next Meeting

Area form Meeting: Saturday 11th March 2023 at 12am

Trustee Meeting: Monday 3rd April 2023

Signed By: _____

Date: _____