

Held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 5:30pm, at William Simpsons Care Home

Present Trustees: Zoe Nolan, Catherine-Anne Robertson, William Silvestro

Robert McWilliam - Chairman

Leah Easton - Minute Secretary

Tracey Gray - Treasurer

Fiona Thornton - Membership Secretary

Scott Richards - Trust Secretary

Stirling Council: Marnie, Sharon

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Apologies

Apologies from Natasha, Robert, Wendy and Chris who could not make the meeting.

3. Community Council Elections – Marnie Forster Stirling Council

Marnie came to speak with us regarding the community council. There are currently 32 community councils, but Plean does not have one, some attendees at the meeting showed interest in joining this group. A community council is made up of 6 – 9 residents of the village and should consist of different age groups. If there were more than 9 people interested in joining the group, all residents of the village would be sent round a poll, which they would then choose who they would like their counselors to be.

4. Minutes of Pervious Meeting

Proposed Catherine Anne, seconded Tracy

5. Matter Arising

Dog Mess: There have been some laminated posters put up but unfortunately some of these have been ripped down and others have water damage. **Action Point: Sharon will check with Land Services to find out if they have any spare dog bin signs that they can put up around the village and see if they can get an officer to come out and have a walk about.**

6. Financial Report and Bank Update

Scott informed the group that the bank account application was withdrawn due to details not being provided in time, and Scott has now reapplied. Unfortunately they do not give us a time scale but originally they said this could take 6 weeks. Scott also told us that we can only apply for a start up fund when we have the bank account up and running, this will hopefully help us cover some of the cost of equipment. **Action Point: Sharon to email lee to send Tracey Electronic Spreadsheet.**

Tracey stated that she has some donation money for Plean's Voice which she will keep for now until our bank account is running.

7. Website

Scott informed the group that the website is almost finished and should be able to show us it at the next meeting.

8. Membership

It was suggested that we wait until our bank account/emails are set up before we begin recruiting members.

Scott informed the group that we could change the domain name from (plean.org) to (pleansvoice.org) if we thought that was going to be more appropriate for the group. **Action point: Scott will look into getting the domain name (pleansvoice.org)**

9. Plean's Voice Newsletter

Bob informed the group that Chris has volunteered to do the newsletter and is looking for 1 or 2 people to work with him on this and it was suggested that the newsletter be quarterly. The aim is to hopefully get the newsletter out in autumn as we will have a few more things we could add to it. It was suggested that Wendy and Natasha might be good for this job.

The newsletter would be put in the shops, hairdressers and library for residents of Plean to pick up if interested.

10. SIAL Fund Application

Bob informed the group that we had put an application in but there are doubts we will be successful as we don't have a bank account.

It was suggested that all trustees of Plean's voice should be PVG'd, but Disclosure Scotland have said, unless your event is specifically targeted towards children not accompanied by an adult, we would not qualify for a PVG.

11. Fundraising

Tracey went to a race night and pitched that it would be a great idea for Plean's Voice to have one of their own, we could also tie in Plean Amateur Football and split the funds. We would be looking at between 4-5 months to have a date set for this and a to organize a venue.

Catherine-Ann let us know that Pat has offered to help organize the bingo for funds, which will be held on Tuesday 25th April at the clansman. We managed to get a voucher from the beauty shop in Plean and Catherine-Anne asked the keystore for a voucher as well. We currently have some prizes for the bingo, but any donations would be much appreciated. **Action Point: Zoe will ask her sister in law for a voucher as she owns a shop in Falkirk.**

Zoe stated that we had an offer of a Bongo Bingo night and proposed that we do a joint William Simpsons and Pleans Voice night and split the funds. **Action Point: No date has been set for this yet.**

12. Community Grant

Bob suggested Scott put a wish list together for any equipment we might need. **Action Point: Scott to put together a wish list and anyone with specific suggestions to let Scott know.**

13. Logo

We were given the option of choosing between 2 logo's which Chris has designed for Pleans Voce. This is the logo we have chosen:



14. Reports

William – Plean Amateur Football Club: Plean's hairdressers are going to help out with funding and the barbers are going to help once they are up and running.

Catherine-Anne - Soup and Sandwiches: The keystore is going to provide loaves of bread for the soup and sandwiches up until summer and Maisie's Munchies will open in May and has offered to provide the soup and 2 sandwich fillings.

Helen from the Clansman has donated £10 towards the soup and sandwiches and also 2 boxes of biscuits. Helen has offered to get us anything we need, napkins sugar exc.

We need more storage in the Balfour Center as we are getting item handed in and have nowhere to put them. William's is planning to get a container to keep all of the football teams equipment in, so when this happens, we can have the storage cupboard which they are currently using.

Leah / William - Area Forum: William and Leah updated the group surrounding the Area Forum Development Plan. At our last meeting with Fern, we met with Fallin, Bannockburn young people & Other groups to discuss what we seemed to struggle with as a group. There were a few great ideas, and one was for all 4 groups to work together, which could potentially open more doors for funding. These groups would include Plean, Cowie, Fallin and Throsk.

WhatsApp: It has been agreed to close the current WhatsApp group chat and create a new one with only trustees, as there were people added into the chat who do not participate with Plean's Voice. **Action Point: Scott will create a new group chat with only trustees.**

Next meeting

Monday 1st May 2023 5 pm for 5.30.