

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 at the Fountain,  
Lesmahagow

1. Present and Apologies

Present Committee Members

Catriona Arthur-Inch (Co-Secretary), Ailsa Lorimer (Co-Secretary), Mark Waugh (Treasurer), Shona Meikle, Gordon Lennox and Margaret Craw (Chairperson)

Present Non Committee Members

Rab Murray, Kenny Lean (SLC) Sarah O'Sullivan (REF), Liz Montgomery (LDT), Councillor Ross Lambie and Councillor Ross Gowland. Desmond Middleton (public) and Moira Baxter (public).

Apologies

James Brownlee and Gary Hillan

2. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were taken as read with no changes required.

3. Douglas Valley Group

Kenny Lean and Sarah O'Sullivan spoke to us about the Douglas Valley Advisory Group. Sarah advised how the group was set up. There will be three new benefit funds and a lot of this is led from community action plan. The community benefit part of the money that comes from the windfarm goes to the REF, Microgrants or DVAG.

4. Brokencross

Mark advised had meeting about the terms of reference. Mark also advised the funds will start to come in early next year and will be over £70000.00 in the year. Ailsa suggested we could give £50000.00 to the park and split the rest between the 3 schools.

5. Microgrants

Mark will send in paperwork, will hopefully get this years money shortly and we can then start to advertise the grants.

6. Firework Display

Ailsa and Margaret met with David and Alan Brown from the Highland Games committee and it was agreed we would collaborate to organise a community fireworks display

7. Finance Report

Mark gave a summary of the finance report. The report goes as follows:

Opening balance: £8070.82

Closing balance: £7574.54

Fund held for McKirdy park - £5910

Mark asked if we could get expenditure approved. Shona spent £37.92 and £68.97 for Highland games activities and we also spent £20.00 for the hire of the Fountain hall for our meeting . All present at the meeting approved this expenditure.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October at the Fountain, Lesmahagow at 7.30pm