

Highland Malawi Trust

Minute of meeting at 9 Lochardil Place, Inverness 12th June 2014

1. Present – Reay Macgill (Trustee) Chrisanne Macleod (Trustee), Brian Macgill (Trustee). Mr Douglas Morrison (Trustee)
2. Previous minute of 28th November 2013, noted and approved after amendment.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. A correction to the previous minutes whereby the proposal to book Green Drive Hall would be pursued, subject to availability, as the hall was not available on 1st enquiry.
 - b. A meeting of Trustees had not been held in January despite previous indications.
 - c. Grants were issued to Groups during December and were roughly in line with forecast values: Building at Thandazga £4,302; Winter Feeding Programme £1,257 and Boxes and fertilizer £347. Completion by December was deemed a good result.
 - d. There had been 192 'banana' boxes of goods despatched to Malawi since the November '13 Trustees meeting.
4. The Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 were presented in draft and approved subject to examination followed by lodgement with OSCR.
5. Bank Account
 - a. Balance £3,608 after allowing for outstanding lodgements and cheques drawn.
 - b. A successful change of account to Barclays Bank plc following a closure notice last November from HSBC, was welcomed by the Trustees.
6. Updates from Malawi
 - a. Groups progress noted with text and phone calls about the Building at Thandazga
 - b. Ruth Niyondo phoned to thank us for recent boxes (6) of goods received
 - c. There is (grant) claim pending for local distribution at Ekwendne of 'banana' boxes.
7. Fundraising:
 - a. The Strawberry Tea was confirmed as this Saturday 14th June to include two raffles one with a prize of two tickets for the Belladrum Festival.
 - b. Coffee Morning planned for November '14
 - c. Possible Football collection subject to Club request.
 - d. Possible supermarket 'bag-packing' subject to store request.
 - e. possible Quiz night wine & cheese - subject to finding a suitable venue.
8. Any other business
 - a. Prayers: following a discussion it was agreed to amend the format of the Agenda to make it more inclusive with respect to any non-religious attendees.
9. Date of next meeting - to be confirmed.

Signed: Reay Macgill

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