

Highland Malawi Trust

Minute of meeting at 9 Lochardil Place, Inverness, Wednesday 3rd December 2014

1. Present – Reay Macgill (Trustee) Chrisanne Macleod (Trustee), Brian Macgill (Trustee).
Apologies for absence - Douglas Morrison (Trustee)
2. Previous minute of 6th November 2014, noted and after minor amendment approved.
3. Bank Account - balance is £2,573.39 before outstanding transportation costs of £1,279.23 leave an available balance of £1,294.16.
4. Malawi activity
 - a. Fertilizer (6 bags) had been granted at a cost of £338 and delivered to the groups. Photos had recently been received by email showing local delivery.
 - b. Borehole project quotation had been received and granted at a cost of £2.26million Malawi Kwacha (£3,101). Mr Konwani Mponda from the Water Board had indicated by email that the project would start immediately funds were made available by the Trust. Funds were routed via Mr Lupia as we could not send a cheque in Kwacha.
 - c. A winter feeding programme 2014 was being considered later this month subject to a quotation being received. Dominic from Ungwero was to be contacted to see if alternative local transportation was available.
 - d. A grant to continue sponsorship of Brown Lupia school fees would be paid on confirmation of the amount due (expected to be same as last term at MK145k.)
 - e. It was agreed that a Christmas gratuity should be paid to Gilbert Lupia of £60.
5. Outstanding donations in lieu of transportation to Malawi were due to The Raven Trust for 122 boxes at £10 per box.
6. Presentations and Fundraising
 - a. The presentation to the Knit 'n Natter group in Edinburgh had been well received. Donations received on the day (22/11/14) of £1,680 had overwhelmed trustees.
 - b. Coffee Morning (29/11/14) at Crown Church had been attended by over 90 people and raised £960.
 - c. Goods taken to a car boot sale following the Coffee Morning raised £57.
 - d. Stall at the Dalneigh Primary School Fair raised £125.
7. Any other business
 - a. A letter on behalf of the Trust would be sent to Mrs Nessie Logan at Largo Baptist Church following their continued support by donations of knitted goods and of funds to the work of the Trust.
 - b. A letter on behalf the Trust would be sent to Mrs Anne Stokes, one of the Knitting Group members, who made a substantial and generous financial donation to the work of the Trust and towards the Chimalaza Water Project in particular
8. Date of next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday 4th February 2015

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