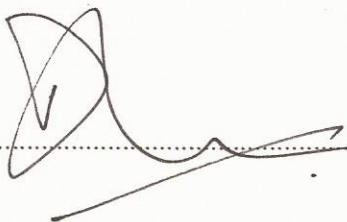


# Highland Malawi Trust

Minute of meeting at 9 Lochardil Place, Inverness on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015

1. Present – Reay Macgill (Trustee) Chrisanne Macleod (Trustee), Douglas Morrison (Trustee), Brian Macgill (Trustee).
2. Previous minute of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015, amended and approved.
3. Bank Account – statement balance is £7,445.67 but after taking account of recent shipments of banana boxes and the estimated winter feeding programme, a working balance of £5,445.
4. Malawi activity
  - a. Emails had been exchanged with Mr Mponda an employee of the Mzuzu Water Board. The project is ongoing and information received included reports of a road accident which destroyed the drilling machine to be used to complete the Chamalaza borehole. Given long delays, albeit for valid reasons, the trustees felt that it may speed-up completion if contact were made with Levi, a local Presbyterian Minister, who sits on the Mzuzu Water Board.
  - b. Regular batches of banana boxes shipped from Inverness. Cumulative from January to September were 211 boxes shipped. One more shipment is planned this year.
  - c. A number of requests have been noted from Thandazga Junior School including additional school buildings; teachers' houses; toilets and schoolroom desks. After some discussion it was agreed to invite a quotation for schoolroom desks.
  - d. Mr Lupia has reported on the academic progress of Brown and Brian. He asked if we could help with a Laptop for schoolwork. He also advised that he has been the victim of theft from his home whereby clothes, bags and equipment were stolen including a camera used for HMT work. It was agreed that options for making good these losses would be explored, including the camera and also Lupia's home security.
5. Presentations and Fundraising
  - a. A Strawberry Tea on 27<sup>th</sup> June was well attended and raised £1,184.
  - b. Inverness Gaelic School presentation had limited success in raising awareness.
  - c. Dalneigh Primary School fête stall raised £98.
  - d. Hunger Lunch was cancelled as new photos were not received from Malawi.
  - e. A coffee morning is planned for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015 with £2.50 entry, stalls & quiz sheets. A car boot sale will be attended with any leftover goods.
6. Trust Website and web activity
  - a. Any new photos to be added to the website.
  - b. The Facebook events page will be similarly updated.
  - c. A link to the Raven Trust website was proposed.
7. Agreed actions
  - a. Reay and Chrisanne to send emails (i) Levi (re Borehole) (ii) John Challis and Bob Baxter (re small equipment courier) (iii) Lupia's home security (iv) Thandazga School desks quotation.
  - b. Doug will inspect an old Laptop as a possible donation for schoolwork, update Website with any new photos and devise a new quiz sheet for the Coffee Morning.
8. Date of next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

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