

Highland Malawi Trust

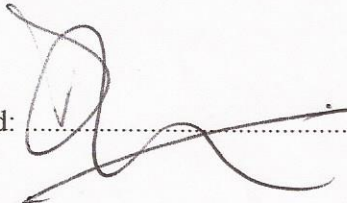
Minute of meeting at 9 Lochardil Place, Inverness on Thursday 28th April 2016.

1. Present – Reay Macgill (Trustee) Chrisanne Macleod (Trustee), Brian Macgill (Trustee) Douglas Morrison (Trustee).
2. Previous minute of Friday 19th February 2016 were approved.
3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:
 - a. Grants totalling 781k MKW had been transferred in February which included monies to finish the double-desk order, vet medicines and fertilizer for the groups.
 - b. The Thandazga kitchen block quotation has not been obtained.
 - c. Further updates have been received from Mr Lupia on the unfinished borehole project.
4. Bank Account – statement balance is £4,088.31 as at 28/4/2016.
5. Malawi activity
 - a. The re-siting of the borehole has caused further delay. There has been no contact with Mr Lupia in recent weeks so making contact will be to gauge the current status.
 - b. Quotations were received from Mr Lupia for salt, vet services, transport and school fees enabling a payment of grant totalling 403k MKW to be made in early April.
 - c. Thandazga junior school now has 60 double desks and photos were received. The request for building an extension block is on hold pending completion of the Borehole Project.
 - d. The three people from Chimalza have undertaken their ‘Caregiver Training Course’ sponsored by the trust. Pictures are expected showing the students and their certificates of achievement.
 - e. The Laptop for Brown Lupia was not taken by Bob Baxter (Alba Aid) to Malawi as it needed some repairs/battery costing £40. A direct mailing by box to Mr Lupia (in Malawi) is the alternative option now agreed with estimated transportation costs of £94.
 - f. Banana boxes are sent now via Dundee as Strachur depot in Argyll has closed. A test load was picked up early in the April by Bob Baxter driving a hire van and delivered to the new depot in Dundee. HMT paid £25 towards fuel. A new longer term arrangement is required if banana boxes of clothes and medical supplies etc. are to continue to be sent to Malawi.
6. Presentations and Fundraising
 - a. A successful presentation was given to the 678 Club in Inverness by Reay and Chrisanne. Generous donations totalling £123 were received on the day.
 - b. Another donation, of £100, was received from our long term supporter Mrs Ethel MacLeod (Crown Church).
 - c. The Strawberry Tea has is being advertised (2-5pm on Thursday 11th June) on the Web, Facebook and Church Newsletter. Arrangements will be as in previous years, venue being number 6 Raasay Road, Inverness along with borrowed gazebos and camping chairs.
 - d. A steady flow of donated knitting and other goods to the trust (for banana boxes) were noted with gratitude.
7. Trust Website and publicity
 - a. Doug was welcomed back from his three month VSO in Sri Lanka and immediately undertook to update the HMT website for upcoming events and any available news.

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- b. In general, photographs are required along with relevant written information. A recent presentation at a Community Group at Bruce Gardens was mentioned in this context. Brian noted that a photo was available from the Highland News.
8. Letter: a reply, declining assistance, was sent to a local school pupil seeking sponsorship.
9. Agreed actions
 - a. Doug will update the HMT Website and Chrisanne the HMT Facebook page thereby ensuring that the Strawberry Tea is fully advertised.
 - b. Brian, Reay and Chrisanne will send photos by email to Doug for the website, along with some text, to ensure that every picture tells its story.
 - c. Reay will try again to make contact with Mr Lupia to find out the latest with the Borehole Project and to confirm a point-to-point mailing address for the donated laptop.
10. A provisional next meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 9th June, 2016 at 6 Raasay Road, Inverness, for 7.30pm.

Signed:



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