

Highland Malawi Trust

Minute of meeting at 9 Lochardil Place, Inverness on Thursday 8th September 2016.

1. Present – Reay Macgill (Trustee), Brian Macgill (Trustee) Chrisanne MacLeod-Robertson (Trustee).
Apologies: Doug Morrison.
2. Previous minute of Thursday 30th June 2016 were approved.
3. Reported cash at bank was £3,978.50.
4. Matter Arising: information and card (prepared by Doug) had been well received by Erin Gaughin and a donation of £200 received by the trust in return.
5. Malawi activity
 - a. Latest information on the water borehole project was no activity due to bad weather. It was noted that this project had now been ongoing for 2 years. Further enquiries would be made when Bob Baxter arrived in Malawi from Scotland later this month.
 - b. Mr Lupia had undertaken to send a further report about his son's studies and results.
6. Further requests had been received for grant funding:
 - a. Transportation of 26 boxes from Ekwendeni to be distributed to the three groups MK65k
 - b. School fees MK150k and Part-time study tuition fees MK20k for Brown Lupia
 - c. There had been no requests for food from any of the groups despite the poor harvest and newspaper reports about potential food shortages.
 - d. It was agreed that a December feeding programme would be run as usual this year.
7. Trust Website and publicity
 - a. Some new photos were available for the Trust Facebook page.
 - b. A request had been received from a supporter (Catherine MacDonald) for photos and information to be released to ladies providing knitting for the trust to send to Malawi.
8. Fundraising and presentations
 - a. The Coffee Morning will be held on 19th November 2016 in Crown Church hall.
 - b. The Methodist Church has invited HMT for a date in Oct. 2016, to be confirmed.
 - c. A presentation would be given to trust supporters in Brora before Dec. 2016.
9. Agreed actions
 - a. Chrisanne will upload information/ photos and the Coffee Morning information to the trust Facebook page and to the Crown Church Newsletter.
 - b. Reay will contact/arrange a suitable presentation date with the group in Brora.
 - c. Reay will obtain quotes from Mr Lupia for a feeding programme.
10. Proposed date of the next meeting is Thursday 17th November 2016 at 9 Lochardil Place, Inverness.

Signed: Reay Macgill Signed: Chrisanne M. Robertson