
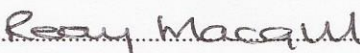


# Highland Malawi Trust

Minute of meeting at 6 Raasay Road, Inverness on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017.

1. Present: Reay Macgill (Trustee), Brian Macgill (Trustee) Chrisanne MacLeod-Robertson (Trustee), Apologies: Doug Morrison (Trustee).
2. Previous minute of 27/08/2017 were deferred until the next meeting of the trustees..
3. Matters arising:
  - a. Chamalaza Borehole Project: further recent exchanges of emails and texts had resulted in Gilbert Lupia visiting the Governmental head office for Agriculture Irrigation & Water Development (AIWD) in Lilongwe. This office oversees inspection and drilling for water in Malawi. A status report had been received from the AIWD and following the visit of Mr Lupia a proposal to re-start the project. In brief, it was proposed to re-explore the area and drill a new hole if HMT provided a 'top-up' to the fund created in 2014. The 'top-up' was for approximately 33% of the original payment. This was deemed to be the cost of the two failed attempts to site, drill and find water. Failed drill sites also have to be re-instated thereby incurring abortive costs. After some discussion it was agreed to accept this new quotation based on the fact that the dry season had another 6 weeks to run and the drilling part of the project could be completed within that time. The revised quote detailed survey crew costs (8+1 people), fuel and worker accommodation (11 people) at a cost of 920k Malawi Quacha. It was agreed to send 970k Malawi Kwacha to Mr Lupia for him to progress directly with the AIWD and the total to include expenses for Mr Lupia. At current exchange rates the total extra cost was estimated around £1,000 sterling.
  - b. Bank balance currently adequate there being £3,909.94 on account with outstanding lodgements of £343.
  - c. Thandazga: it was agreed to request Mr Lupia to obtain a quote for maintenance of the old school block at the Primary School given discussions which had taken place around the May 2017 visit to the school.
4. Agreed Actions
  - a. Funds of 970,000 MKW to be transferred to Mr Lupia - Brian and Reay
  - b. Two emails would be sent to Mr Lupia (i) to advise of the extension funding of the Chamalaza Borehole (ii) to request a quote for the Thangazda Primary School block - Reay
5. Date of next meeting (already booked) Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at 'Merrick' Lodge Road, Inverness at 7.30pm.

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