

Highland Malawi Trust

Minute of meeting, actually convening, at 9 Lochardil Place, Inverness, on Thursday 2nd November 2017.

1. Present: Reay Macgill (Trustee), Brian Macgill (Trustee) Chrisanne MacLeod-Robertson (Trustee), Doug Morrison (Trustee).
2. Previous minutes of meetings held on 27/8/2017 and on 28/9/2017 were approved.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. Thandazga: a quotation had been received for 1,030k MKW and a grant paid for that amount in respect of maintaining an older block at the Junior School.
 - b. Chamalaza Borehole Project: following the decision to accept the 'top-up' proposal to re-start the drilling a grant of 970k MKW had been paid in September and subsequently photographs received of a successful drilling at the village.
 - c. Noss Primary School in Caithness have indicated that they are continuing fundraising for HMT.
4. The trust bank balance was £2,172.85 as at 2/11/2017.
5. Projects
 - a. New School block (two classrooms) at Thandazga Junior school: a forward estimate totalling 4,166k MKW had been received. However, as work would not commence until after the end of the rainy season next spring (2018). A revised estimate would be requested nearer the time.
 - b. A borehole having been successfully drilled it had been reported that the well head and pump were due to be fitted shortly which would complete the establishment of the well at Chamalaza village.
 - c. Feeding Programme: quotations would be obtained for all three supported groups in time for a December distribution of grants.
 - d. Fertilizer: Mr Lupia would be requested to assess the plantings at each of the three supported groups and then obtain quotes for fertilizers. Grants would be paid at the same time as the feeding programme.
6. Fundraising
 - a. Coffee morning posters were in hand and the church hall booking for 25/11/2017.
 - b. Quiz sheets on Scottish Songs had been printed and could now be sold. Draw to take place on 23/12/2017.
 - c. Burns Supper is provisionally arranged for Saturday 27 January 2018.
 - d. Book of squares was a modest success and is now closed. The winner of £50 note to be identified.
7. Publicity and Website: The annual renewal for web hosting has been preceded with notice of a switch of operating company. Further information will be received before a decision taken on how to proceed with the HMT website. Doug also agreed to explore options for enabling a more streamlined approach to updating the website with documents, news and photos.
8. Agreed Actions
 - a. Estimates from supported groups for Feeding Programme and fertilizers - Reay
 - b. Quiz sheets to be sold - All
 - c. New website host along with options to be explored- Doug
 - d. £50 note to be drawn as prize for 'Book of Squares' winner - Brian
9. Date of next meeting (already noted) Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 'Merrick' Lodge Road, Inverness at 7.30pm.

Signed: Reay Macgill

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