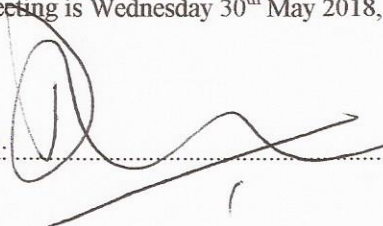


Highland Malawi Trust

Minute of meeting at 'Merrick', Lodge Road, Inverness, on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

1. Present: Doug Morrison (Trustee), Brian Macgill (Trustee) Reay Macgill (Trustee), Chrisanne MacLeod-Robertson (Trustee).
2. Previous minutes of meeting held on 2/11/2017 were approved.
3. Bank balance: as at 10/1/2018 the balance was £1,168.16 plus anticipated further donations in-hand and expected donations of £3,585 making a prospective total balance for the trust of £4,753.16.
4. Project updates:
 - a. All groups plus the Thandazga junior school had been grant funded for fertilizer. It was noted that Mr Lupia had retained a few bags for one group pending agreement of local issues.
 - b. Feeding Programme - funds had been transferred during December 2017 ensuring that all three groups would be supplied with the required foodstuffs for the winter term.
 - c. Chamalaza Borehole Project - with great excitement on the part of the villagers and some celebration by members of the trust, news had been received that the well was completed by the instalment of the hard-standing and pump mechanism. This represented a fantastic start to 2018 given the long and uncertain progress of this borehole project. A number of photos had been received by social media and put onto Facebook by Chrisanne.
A further small grant would be required to ensure that a suitable plaque would now be fixed at the well in memory of Anne Stocks's daughter Karen. A quotation of 75k MKW for this had just been received.
 - d. Education - News had been received that Brown Lupia was returning to school and it was agreed that various fees totalling 65k MKW would be made.
 - e. Transportation - funding was also agreed to repairs for the van used to transport goods to the supported groups in a figure of 60k MKW.
 - f. Further projects to which trust support may be agreed in due course are anticipated to involve the building of new classrooms at the Junior School, later in the year.
5. Fundraising
 - a. Cancellation was confirmed of the Burns Supper planned for this month in the church hall due to the additional social events at Crown Church around impending departure of the Minister of 19 years.
 - b. The Strawberry Tea is planned for 9/6/2018 at Chrisanne's house at 6 Raasay Road, Inverness.
6. Publicity and Website: The transfer of the old domain name to a new host had not been successful. After some discussion it was agreed to try and register a new domain name with a new host using a modified designation but retaining mainly the same name 'Highland-Malawi-Trust'.
The Facebook account has been updated with recent news and photographs from Malawi.
Further updates will be made to the website for photos, reports and games will be accessible once the new domain name is active.
7. Agreed Actions
 - a. Transfer grants totalling 200k MKW to Mr Lupia - Reay & Brian
 - b. Register new domain name - upload latest news and other items - Doug
 - c. Further updates of photos to HMT Facebook page - Chrisanne
 - d. Arrangements for Strawberry Tea - Chrisanne
8. Date of next meeting is Wednesday 30th May 2018, 7.30pm at 6 Raasay Road, Inverness.

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