

Highland Malawi Trust

Minute of meeting at 9 Lochardil Place, Inverness, on Monday 23rd April 2018.

1. Present: Doug Morrison (Trustee), Brian Macgill (Trustee) Reay Macgill (Trustee), Chrisanne MacLeod-Robertson (Trustee).
2. Previous minutes of meeting held on 10/01/2018 were approved.
3. Bank balance: as at 23/04/2018 was £5,078.80,
4. Project updates:
 - a. Thandazga Junior School had requested assistance in the building of a new school block. Mr Lupia had provided the trust with quotes for materials and for labour. Following specific queries from the trust about significant increase in labour costs compared to the previous building project, further quotes for labour had been requested. The trustees perceived a tenfold increase of labour costs since 2014 and this was deemed unacceptable. After some discussion it was agreed that without a major reduction in the labour cost it was likely that the trust would turn down this request for assistance in favour of a project at one of the other supported groups. It was further agreed to write an email in these terms to the Junior School via Mr Lupia and await a response.
5. Fundraising
 - a. The date of the Strawberry Tea 09/06/2018 and the event is being publicised on the trust website and in the Crown Church Newsletter.
 - b. No further events are planned at the moment.
6. Other Matters
 - a. Presentation - a visit had been made to Teanassie Primary School by Reay and Chrisanne where they had been well received on giving a short update on the work of the trust.
 - b. Publicity - Doug reported that a number of updates had been made on the website including the sending of a link for the games page of the site to a local school thereby increasing awareness and interest in Malawi and the work of the trust. In response to a query about the operation of the games page, Doug undertook to check that all the icons worked as intended.
7. Agreed Actions
 - a. Send an email to the Thangazda Junior School - Chrisanne
 - b. Check the operation of the games on the website - Doug
8. Date of next meeting (already noted) Wednesday 30th May 2018, 7.30pm at 6 Raasay Road, Inverness.

Signed: R Macgill

Signed: CA Robertson