



# Glassford Community Group

## Minutes of Meeting

### Glassford Village Hall

October 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 7pm

#### **Attendees**

Ian Scott  
Morag Walker  
Stevie Urquhart  
Les Hoggan (Secretary)  
James Newall (Chair)  
Clare Miller  
Gary Miller  
Elizabeth Moore  
Shiela Moore  
Craig Buchanan  
David Lindsay

#### **Apologies**

David Kilby (Treasurer)  
Lee Rogers

#### **Welcome**

James welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the previous committee for all its efforts in completing its planned work on the new playparks in the village. He also thanked them for organizing the Annual General Meeting and for their continuing involvement in the work of the group.

It was agreed that bank signatories would be amended to reflect the membership of the new committee. Lee Rogers was asked to confirm what steps were required to achieve this.

It was agreed to continue the renamed Glassford Facebook page to provide a means for general communication within the village, but that the Glassford Community Group page would be restricted to only supporting the work of the group.

#### **New Business**

It was agreed that the ownership of the Village Hall was the top priority and that in order to prepare a business plan, wide consultation across the village would be required to confirm support for the project.

It would also be essential in helping identify uses for the hall, both for existing user groups and potential new users.

There was a discussion on the advantages and possible disadvantages of charitable status. David Lindsay raised some concerns based on previous experience, specifically in the area of the obligation on trustees at the point a charity is wound up. Les confirmed that the Community Group would be looking to go for Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) status as this provided a measure of protection for trustees and members.

The next steps will largely be in working on options for events, fundraisers and community functions/activities within the village hall.

It was agreed that James and Les should arrange a meeting with the South Lanarkshire Council Property Manager as a first step in confirming interest in taking over ownership of the hall. IT was also agreed that steps should be taken to establish annual maintenance and support costs as part of the feasibility study into development of a business plan.

### **Any Other Business**

There was a discussion on the poor condition of the village graveyard and a request that this form one of the main priorities of the group in addition to the village hall. This was approved and will form part of the development of a set of overall priorities to be discussed at a future meeting.

### **Date of next meeting**

As the date of a meeting with South Lanarkshire Council was still to be set, it was agreed to defer setting a date until after that meeting. It has since been established that the meeting will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup> in SLC headquarters, and the next meeting of the group will be at 7pm on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Glassford Inn.