



GIRVAN COMMUNITY GARDEN MINUTES

Meeting Title:	Directors Meeting
Date Time	6 th February 2024 at 19:00
Location:	Cabin, GCG
Chairperson	Laura Gilillan
Minutes By:	Chris Campbell

Present:	Chris Campbell, Kenneth McDonald, Jim Flynn, Christine McLeish, Kevin Gilillan, Laura Gilillan	Jim McClymont, Julie Campbell
Apologies:	Ward Higgins	

		Action
1.	Apologies As above	
2.	Events Review: Xmas Night out for Directors and Staff: Night went well and was a big success. Volunteers party Night: Everyone enjoyed it, food was a little short as extra guests came. Perhaps have paid performers this year and ensure all volunteers are invited.	
3.	Event Planning: We discussed and agreed the following events for our calendar year: February 23 rd Whisky Tasting Social event March 24 th Piano Festival , Entry Free Easter Weekend March 30 th Easter Saturday, Cider and Wine tasting, 2pm – 6pm, Entry Free March 31 st Easter Sunday, Activities for Children, Entry Free, 1pm – 5pm Monday 1 st April, Easter Monday, Garden Open 1pm – 5pm Folk in the Garden Saturday 4 th May, Folk in the Garden, Live Music, Licensed Bar, Gin Bar, Hot Food, 1pm – 8pm, Tickets £10 from Eventbrite available from 12 th April. Sunday 5 th May, Folk in the Garden, Live Music, Licensed Bar, Gin Bar, Hot Food, The Big Chilli, introducing Karifolky, 1pm -8pm, Tickets £15 from Eventbrite available from 12 th April. Sunday May 26 th , The Mad Hatter’s Afternoon Tea Party , 1pm – 6pm, Tickets £10 from Eventbrite available from 11 th May. Wearing a Mad Hat is compulsory.	

	<p>Saturday and Sunday June 8th and 9th, Girvan Arts Festival, 1pm – 8pm, more details www.girvanartsfestival.com</p> <p>Saturday 15th June, GoGirvan Tattie Fest, 1pm – 8pm, Licensed bar, Live Music, Tatianna, Free dish of Ayrshire tatties, Gin Bar, Tickets £5, pay at door.</p> <p>July 2024 Health and Well Being weekend, details to be confirmed.</p> <p>Harbour Gala</p> <p>Saturday August 3rd, The Pirates' Fish Boil, 6pm – 9pm, Tickets £10 includes food and drink available on Eventbrite from July 12th. Pirate outfit compulsory.</p> <p>Sunday August 4th, Strawberry Teas, 1pm – 5pm.</p> <p>Saturday 24th August, AppleFest, Live Music, Guest Speaker, Apple desserts, Cider, Wine and Gin Tasting, 1pm – 7pm, Entry £5 at gate</p> <p>Saturday 26th October, Halloween in the Garden, From 6pm, more details to follow.</p> <p>Saturday 30th November, Xmas Food and Drink Market, 1pm – 5pm.</p> <p>Additionally, the following private bookings have been made: Saturday March 2nd, Biosphere reception, 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Saturday April 13th, Ellen's 60th party, 3pm – 8pm Saturday August 17th, Calum Dewar's Party, 3pm – 8pm, to be confirmed</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of December meeting: Proposed by Christine McLeish, Seconded by Kenny MacDonald.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising and action points: No booster required for the Dome. James has looked at the Solar system in the store and will return to replace the old batteries with 2 of the old batteries from the cabin. Chris to arrange with James. Julie to speak to Faye about bringing the Grants volunteers back in. Guttering and water barrels at pergola still to be installed. Middle stantions fitted to new pergola. Simon still to come and give a cost for slabbing the pergola area. Chris to contact Simon. VASA application successful and funding in place for 2024/25. Tattie Fest confirmed for Saturday June 15th. £400 received from Grants' Employee Forum. OSCR accounts available electronically now. Treasurer's email now in place. Is Ward presenting and collecting our bins from Knockcushan St? 2 more pallets of briquettes have been purchased. Whisky Tasting event Sold Out.</p>	<p>Chris Julie Jim</p> <p>Chris</p> <p>Ward</p>
6.	<p>Employees Report: Jim has requested a budget to buy bedding plants for the flower display. Permission granted to make the purchase with the bank card.</p>	
7.	<p>Garden Maintenance: Garden Maintenance ongoing. Julie to get Linda to commit to a date for the Dry Stane dyking for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Julie</p>

	<p>Area next to Fig bush to be slabbed to house the piano. Piano to be moved there for growing installation.</p> <p>Dome extractor fan and insulation now fitted to the dome.</p> <p>Green waste skip now filled. Chris to arrange emptying and return and then fill with general waste.</p> <p>Kevin/Chris and Kenny will move the wood on Sunday morning so that the remainder can be put in the skip.</p>	<p>Jim/Julie</p> <p>Chris</p> <p>Kevin/Kenny/Chris</p>
8.	<p>Funding:</p> <p>Final claim being prepared for submission in mid February.</p> <p>The VASA 24/25 Well being fund and Chatty spaces has been paid into the bank account.</p> <p>The Local Planning Partnership (LPP) Participatory Budgeting fund voting night will be on Wednesday 21st February at 7pm in the Carrick Buildings. Julie and Jim to attend the stall from 6pm – 9pm. Everyone else to attend and vote and encourage others to attend and vote.</p> <p>GoGirvan have confirmed that Tattie Fest will take place on 15th June. GoGirvan have pledged £500 towards the event. We will provide £650 towards the event. We have decided to charge £5 at the gate. This will include a voucher for a dish of Tatties.</p> <p>Chris to apply to Community Empowerment fund for £1k to cover the purchase of the pergola sides.</p>	<p>Kenny/Chris</p> <p>Jim/Julie All</p> <p>Chris</p>
9.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>Chris read out some correspondence re – an enquiry from a lady to have a small wake ceremony in the garden. Chris has corresponded and is awaiting a reply.</p> <p>Request from Girvan Academy to bring a group to the garden. No funding available to pay staff.</p> <p>Request from Ayrshire Media Services for event info for their next Girvan Going Out newsletter. Deadline April 10th. Chris to send Calendar of events.</p> <p>Nothing else of significance</p>	<p>Chris</p>
10.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>£49K + in bank account. This includes the VASA funding for 2024/25 and the remainder of this year's funding.</p> <p>Donations are still doing well each month due to briquette sales.</p> <p>Approx £5k to be claimed from ARIA.</p> <p>Estimated possible unrestricted funds of £20k.</p> <p>Kenny will be purchasing the Sum-Up card reading machines by the next meeting and will be training staff and volunteers in their use.</p>	<p>Kenny</p>
11.	<p>AOCB:</p> <p>We decided that we would celebrate Ward's 65th birthday on Saturday June 1st if that date is suitable for Ward.</p> <p>Cosy Spaces will finish on Sunday 31st March. Chatty Spaces will commence on Sunday 7th April.</p> <p>Website to be updated with fresh photos and info. Julie to liaise with Paul Smart and Jennifer Stewart and arrange a meeting to discuss how to progress this.</p> <p>2 x VR Headsets to be purchased mainly for use with Living with Leisure Group but can also be available for use by regular patrons.</p> <p>Chris has sourced 2 x Second hand Oculus headsets for £200.</p> <p>Kenny to send payment.</p> <p>Chris to purchase 2 x sets of headphones to use with the headsets.</p> <p>Chris to commission Calendar of Events and individual events digital posters for website, Facebook and printing and circulate.</p>	<p>Julie</p> <p>Kenny Chris Chris</p>
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 12th March 2024 , 7pm, Cabin</p>	