GIRVAN COMMUNITY GARDEN MINUTES

Meeting Title:	Directors Meeting
Date **Time**	12th March 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, Ward Higgins	Julie Campbell Jennifer and John Stewart (Media development)
Apologies:		Jim McClymont

		Action
1.	**Apologies** As above	
2.	**Events Review:** **Whisky Tasting Social**: The event sold out on Eventbrite, 24 people attended. The event went very well and all in attendance said it was very good value for money. John and Jennifer did a video of the event which we sent to NcNean as they had donated 3 bottles and they loved the video. Another event scheduled for Saturday June 1st.	
3.	**Event Planning:** March 24th **Piano Festival**, Entry Free. 1pm – 7pm An electric piano has been purchased from Guitar Guitar in Glasgow by recommendation of Tom Binns from Glasgow PianoCity. If it arrives at the shop before next Friday, we can go and collect it and use it for the Piano Festival. It not, one of the performers will bring theirs. Cost of the piano is being met by Girvan Musical Society. Harvey will provide Sound engineering and Door stewarding on the day. Hot food will be available and Julie will coordinate volunteers. Chris, Laura and Corrine will run the bar. Ward and Chris will build the bar on the Friday. Chris will make a small order for bar stock. **Easter Weekend** **March 30th Easter Saturday**, Cider and Wine tasting, 2pm – 6pm, Entry Free. Chris will run this from the Bar area. **March 31st Easter Sunday**, Activities for Children, Entry Free, 1pm – 5pm. Laura and Julie will organise this from the Bar area. 60 bags to be made up by Laura and Julie. Julie to coordinate kitchen volunteers as Jim is on Annual Leave. **Easter Monday. April 1st** Garden open 1pm – 5pm. **Ellen's 60th party**, April 13th, 2pm – 8pm Music and PA has been arranged. Bar area sorted for BYOB set up. Julie to liaise with Faye regarding kitchen set up for food. **1st Birthday Party**, April 20th, 1pm – 5pm	Laura/Julie Julie

	Booking for Finlay Campbell, previous neighbour, for baby's first birthday. BYOB set up at bar area. Julie to liaise with Finlay regarding kitchen set up for food. Chris will assemble volunteers to pitch the canopy before the 2 parties. A Felting workshop has been booked to take place on Saturday April 27th from 1pm – 4pm. Agreed donation suggested of £30. Julie to liaise. **Folk in the Garden and The Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea Party**, these events will be discussed at the next meeting in April	Julie Chris Julie
4.	**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of December meeting: **Proposed** by Kevin Gillilan, **Seconded** by Laura Gilillan.	
5.	**Matters arising and action points:** James (Electrician) will attempt the repair of the solar system for the store on Monday March 18th at 3pm. Someone will need to meet him at the garden. Davy Wiseman has finished the slabbing area at the pergola. Invoice to come. Wood uplifted. Chris to send amended Calendar of Events to Ayrshire Media Services before April 10th. Chris still to purchase 2 x sets of headphones to use with the headsets.	Chris Chris
6.	**Employees Report:** Annual Leave from 2023/24 to be carried forward to 2024/25. No other issues.	
7.	**Garden Maintenance:** Winter garden maintenance ongoing but almost complete. Not long before weeding will begin. Tatties have been planted. Date for Dry Stane Dyking weekend of May 18th and 19th. Hospitality to be offered to the trainees e.g. soup, bread, cakes etc..Julie/Jim to confirm dates with Linda. Piano to be moved to slabbed area at Fig bush before the next meeting. General waste skip now in place. To be removed by Easter weekend Julie to speak to Faye about new contact for bringing the Grants volunteers back in. Guttering and water barrels at pergola still to be installed.	Julie Julie/Jim/volunteers Julie Julie/Jim
8.	**Funding:** We were successful with our application to the Local Planning Partnership (LPP) Participatory Budgeting. The £2.8k funding will pay for the Health and Well Being weekend. We were also successful with our application to the Community Empowerment fund for £966 to cover the purchase of the pergola sides. There is an opportunity to apply for a 6 month post of employment through VASA. Deadline is 22nd March for the application. All agreed that it may be worth applying for. Chris to put together a job spec if he finds the time.	Chris
9.	**Secretary's Report:** 2 requests from Invergarven school to bring a group to the garden. One group have attended so far. Both visits planned for Tuesdays when Green Gym is on. Chairperson from one of our funders (HSCP) would like to visit the	

	garden on Tuesday April 30th. Time to be arranged. ARIA inspection visit to take place on Friday 15th at 10am. Chris to meet them	Chris
10.	**Treasurer's Report:** £50K + in bank account. This includes the VASA funding for 2024/25 and the remainder of this year's funding. Briquette sales now finished. Approx £5k still to be received from ARIA. Sum-Up card reading machines now purchased. Software installed onto Kenny's GCG laptop for generating reports. Kenny will synchronise the machines with the wifi on Saturday and offer training to staff and volunteers on Sunday at 1pm. Laura and Chris can upload the app to their phones. All the whisky has been purchased for the next 2 Social events.	Kenny
11.	**AOCB:** John and Jennifer attended the meeting to discuss how to manage GCG's social media and website content. We discussed the existing website and agreed to change the website so that it only contains the necessary information i.e. Minutes. Accounts, News. Events. Sponsors and Links. Chris to liaise with Paul on this. Julie and Jennifer will manage the Facebook page; Jennifer will manage the YouTube page and Laura and Jennifer will manage the TicToc page. John and Jennifer will not be taking any payment for their services. However, GCG has offered free hospitality at our events and cafes. Dowhill Farm will be donating 2 sacks of Ayrshire tatties towards the Tattie Fest. 1 sack for cooking and 1 sack for GoGirvan to sell. 3 bottles of whisky received from Grants' Employee Forum for next Whisky Social event. Chris to enquire on when the Cruise ship will be visiting Girvan. All agreed to put on some Scottish cuisine and have a tasting session. Fee to be decided.	Chris Julie/Jennifer Laura/Jennifer Chris
12.	**Date of Next Meeting: 16th April 2024 , 7pm, Cabin**	