



# GIRVAN COMMUNITY GARDEN MINUTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Directors Meeting
<b>Date Time</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 19:00
<b>Location:</b>	Cabin, GCG
<b>Chairperson</b>	Laura Gilillan
<b>Minutes By:</b>	Chris Campbell

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

		<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Apologies</b> As above	
2.	<p><b>Events Review:</b></p> <p><b>Birthday Party</b> All went well. Received a £60 donation.</p> <p><b>Felting Workshop</b> All went well. Received a £30 donation</p> <p><b>Folk in the Garden</b> Both days sold out with 300 tickets for each day selling out in advance. The Sunday event sold out in 18 hours with the Eventbrite site crashing. All the bands were good, notably Strings Attached. The Barrstools were still the most popular though. All those in attendance were in good spirits. There was a slightly older group of people on the Saturday compared to Sunday. Although not going 100% to plan, the Kare-folky worked reasonably well.. We will further develop this next year. Having the Barrstools on as the 2<sup>nd</sup> last band worked well for clearing the garden at 8pm. The glass and litter collectors did an excellent job with the garden totally cleaned by 8.30pm on each night. The kitchen takings were up on last year. We sold 120 portions of chilli which may have contributed to the increase in sales. The bar took almost £6k over the 2 days with Sunday more prevalent by £1k. Huge thanks to the bar volunteers particularly Clare Keeney who gave 2 full days courtesy of the Nestle volunteering scheme.</p> <p>There were problems with the wifi signal for the Sumup cashless payment machines. We ended up accepting cash only on the Sunday. Kenny will engage with Sumup to try and find a solution to the problem.</p> <p>There was still a lot of litter being left around the garden with reusable glasses being binned. They were all recovered. We will now introduce a £1 deposit scheme for glasses with any funds being donated to Friends of the Earth. Chris will arrange the purchase of printed 1 pint glasses. Glasses can be washed at the bar area.</p>	<p>Kenny</p> <p>Chris</p>

	<p>There were issues around the use of dishwasher and the ability to dispose of it. We will look into creating a soakaway area next to the cabin. This could be a job for a group of volunteers.</p> <p>We will now only be washing the reusable glasses.</p> <p>All agreed unanimously that there are too many people in the garden at these events. For all future events we will limit the garden capacity to 160 tickets with up to 60 guests max. This should make events more enjoyable for our staff and volunteers as we will operate with the same number of volunteers. We are all looking forward to this happening. We will try this at the Tattie Fest. Next year the Folk in the Garden events will be priced at £20 per day. The PA operatives would like us to buy a bass bin for the PA. Chris to purchase.</p>	<p>Jim/Julie</p> <p>Chris</p>
3.	<p><b>Event Planning:</b></p> <p><b>Whisky Tasting Social</b></p> <p>This is the next event. 19 of the 24 tickets have been sold. The event is now in profit. We have decided to keep the tasting events to 24 max and run them in the Dome as it is very comfortable. Chris and Alister will present. Kenny will assist and Ross will go free for producing our posters. The new tasting glasses will be used and the focus of this event will be the William Grant family whiskies.</p> <p><b>The Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea Party</b></p> <p>Julie and Jim will coordinate this event. We will use the same email booking system we have used for previous events. Julie will approach George Taylor to be a "wandering rabbit". There will be a prize for the best hat. Tickets will be £10 and must be booked in advance. Julie and Jim to organise the volunteers. Jim to allocate numbers for each table and tickets to be on sale by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Julie to produce an event poster.</p> <p><b>Girvan Arts Festival</b></p> <p>Chris to ask Alan Jeans if he wants the tented canopy left up. Chris to apply for a licence for the Saturday night of the Arts Festival. Julie and Jim to establish the event requirements with Alan Jeans in advance of the event.</p> <p><b>Tattie Fest</b></p> <p>We will meet again before this event. Tickets will be £5 and will be available at the Front gate. Kids go free. There will be a charge for the food this year and, again, we have a bag of tatties from Dowhill farm for cooking. Chris has booked an excerpt of the Dalmellington Silver Band, Mr Brown's Boys, Jam in the Barn and Ailsa Rocks choir.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Julie</p> <p>Julie/Jim</p> <p>Chris</p> <p>Julie/Jim</p>
4.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b></p> <p>Minutes of December meeting: <b>Proposed</b> by Laura Gilillan, <b>Seconded</b> by Kevin Gilillan.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Matters arising and action points:</b></p> <p>Headphones purchased.</p> <p>Piano moved to car park area.</p> <p>Cruise ship will be landing around 100 tourists at Girvan Harbour over 3 dates in April May and June. Flyer produced for their excursion officer. Licence required for future Tasting sessions.</p> <p>Dry Stane Dyking confirmed for Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> but they might not be finished by 3.30pm.</p> <p>Chris to submit 2023/24 VASA report to Scottish Govt by end of May.</p> <p>Chris still to liaise with Paul about streamlining the website.</p> <p>YouTube page now set up and circulated to Directors.</p> <p>Joining kits purchased.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Chris</p>

	Chris to provide Kenny with a garden boundary map for Scottish Water.	Chris
6.	<b>Employees Report:</b> 2 extra days to catch up prior to the Folk weekend were completed.	
7.	<b>Garden Maintenance:</b> There is an issue with the wall lighting circuit. When switched on the circuit trips Zanne's house. James, the electrician estimated about £1k to repair it by replacing all the junction boxes. Chris will seek a funding package for this work. Meanwhile, we have installed an uplighter system and festoon lighting in the garden and they are working fine. We will need some form of battery operated lighting for the compost toilet. Chris to purchase.	Chris  Chris
8.	<b>Funding:</b> No other funding being sought at the moment other than to repair the wall lighting.	
9.	<b>Secretary's Report:</b> A lot of Junk mail coming in.	
10.	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> £62K + in bank account. This includes the VASA funding for 2024/25. Kenny will produce final figures for Folk weekend at the next meeting.	Kenny
11.	<b>Social Media and Website</b> YouTube site updated. Facebook page regularly updated. Website still to be streamlined.	
12.	<b>AOCB:</b> Zurich Insurance due for renewal. Chris to complete the form. Forager booked for Saturday August 4 <sup>th</sup> . Canoeing trip up the river on August 5 <sup>th</sup> . Julie to arrange a Saturday in August for Taster session. More details at the next meeting. Randy has cancelled the Fish Boil. No reason given. Tent canopy will remain up until after Tattie Fest. SAC bookings taken for 09/05/24 and 19/06/24. Group visiting on morning of Thursday June 6 <sup>th</sup> for lunch as part of a Community Exchange visit. New pump pot does not retain heat in hot water. We will use it for storing water for glass washing at the bar area. Julie to purchase another 2 smaller pump pots. Ward has resigned as a Director (Vice Chair) and will hand his keys in. He will remain as a volunteer. The committee would like to thank him for his time over the last 6 or 7 years as a Committee member.	Chris
13.	<b>Date of Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 , 7pm, Cabin</b>	