



Glassford Community Group

Minutes of meeting: May 23rd 2023, Glassford Village Hall

Attendees

Jim McAdams, Linsey Fallow, Janette Smith, Ewan Barnfather, Sandra Kilby, James Newall, Ian Dickson, Les Hoggan, Aileen Anderson, Stevie Urquhart, Janet Crawford, Kat Griff, Anne Anderson, Peter Coll, Fiona Coll, Shirley Cameron, Laura Davidson, Marc Light

Update on Village Hall

Events are now moving more quickly and the GCG solicitor acting on our behalf expects completion to be within the next 4-6 weeks, i.e. by early July 2023. Funding is in place to purchase the hall and to fund approximately 9 months of ongoing costs. Funding is therefore required for the next phase. An application is to be submitted to the Community Led Local Development Fund (CLLD) through South Lanarkshire Council by the end of May 2023 to cover architect, legal and consultant fees. Funding will also be required for development of the hall once designs are in place. Action: Committee to complete funding application.

Events

Given the condition of the hall, and work needed on toilets and areas of the main hall floor, it is not advisable to hold events or plan events at this time. Once handover is complete there will be essential maintenance required to allow us to plan for events such as parties, concerts, meetings, fitness classes, etc. Discussions should be held with SLC about having essential maintenance completed prior to handover. Action: LH to contact SLC.

Timescales

Early July for completion of asset transfer.

June 2023: Social media and website updates on latest position based on meeting and discussions with SLC/solicitor. Action: Committee to prepare statement.

June 18th 2023: SLC considers CLLD application.

Architects to be contacted to provide outline costs for funding bids. Action: Committee.

Consult Margaret Cooper about access to further funding. Action: LH

March 23rd 2024: Glassford Beer and Gin Festival

April 2024: Indicative start date for development phase.

Glassford Beer, Gin and Music Festival 2024

Options for GCG running its own bar at the event were discussed. It was felt a good number of volunteers would be required to operate the bar but that it remains a good option for increasing the level of income from the event.

There is also the option of external management of the entire event. It was felt this may restrict income to GCG and not realise the full potential of the event as an income generator. There may also be insurance issues and it could have potential issues with our charitable status. It was agreed to discuss further whether GCG should run the event itself, although this will require significant input from the committee and volunteers. This commitment needs to be confirmed to ensure the event being a success. Action: Confirmation of whether GCG will be managing the event to be completed by July 2023 with specific actions allocated to individuals or groups.

It was agreed that the 2024 event would take place on March 23rd 2024 to avoid a clash with holidays.

The main income will be from the bar if GCG runs it, ticket money, sponsorship and supplier fees.

It was agreed to review ticket pricing and that this should be either £17.50 or £20.

It was also agreed to review supplier fees and to consider either a larger charge or a percentage, although a percentage may be more difficult to negotiate or manage. This would cover beer, gin, rum and food.

The layout will be the same as 2022 with the option of using the washing green for a marquee.

Consideration is to be given to outsource entertainment and the sound system. Action: JN to contact Steve McKenna.

There will be no printed programme with it available online or via a QR code on the day within the event itself. Action: LH to confirm process.

Reusable glasses to be used rather than souvenir glasses handed out on entry.

The mix of brewers needs to reflect a mix of ales and lager. We will also invite Gin and Rum suppliers to the event.

Avondale Community Bus to be used again for transport between Strathaven and Glassford. Other options for buses to be considered.

We will set up sub-groups to manage preparations for the event. These will cover food, bars, entertainment, funding, logistics, waste management and sponsorship. Action: Committee to set up sub-groups.

We will also review the price of sponsorship and what businesses would get from it.

Waste management also to be considered.

Plans for 2024 will go out early in a social media post and we will also agree the date for the sale of tickets to start once we agree a final number for the event.

Community Garden

Davie Murphy and Aileen Anderson to look for volunteers to tidy up the garden and set out a maintenance plan. We should also consider Glassford Primary School involvement. Action: DM and AA to contact volunteers.

Date of next Meeting

June 21st at 7pm.