



## Introduction

This e-bulletin is the digital newsletter for all members of the Maryburgh Amenities Company Ltd. and is designed to keep all its members informed and updated. I have finally managed to catch up with what has been happening with the board members since June. I also have some news, slightly late again due to other commitments on the Maryburgh Gala in June. Thanks to some photos from Liz and gala news updates from Eilidh.



*Maryburgh Gala 2016.*

## Maryburgh Gala 2016

Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> June saw another successful gala day that as usual was well attended by the community.

The weather stayed fine and everyone had a most enjoyable day with a variety of stalls such as the Wheel of fortune and bottle stall. There was also a Coconut Shy and Angus once again supplied lots of Candy Floss for everyone to enjoy after feasting on the Famous Maryburgh Hog Roast.



*Candy floss always a favourite*

In the hall there was home baking, Bric a Brac, plants, candles and the book stall, with tea and coffee being served in the small hall.

Outside the Bouncy Castle was a favourite and trailer rides around the village green. The Bucking Bronco and Bubble Football also had scores of children taking part.



*Bethany and her attendants*

The day's activities started with this year's Gala Queen Bethany and her three attendants, Jodie, Isla and Aimee officially opening the Gala.

Music was provided by the Strathpeffer Pipe Band. Other entertainment during the day was provided by the Highland Dancers and the Dook the Scone competition.

Dennis the Menace got well and truly pelted with wet sponges, or was that Tom Thomas? The winning raffle ticket for 2 tickets to Belladrum was won by Liz Sutherland.



*The audience having fun with Hopscotch*

At the end of the event the money raised this year was £4,255.00. This will go to help maintain the Amenities Centre for everyone in the community as well as help towards other activities in Maryburgh later in the year.



*Highland Dance display*

## Maryburgh Man Injured

I have heard that Craig Evans was recently injured in a motor bike accident while on holiday in Germany. He is now back home and recovering from his injuries. On behalf of the Maryburgh Community I wish him all the best with his recovery.

## SKS Appointed

The Maryburgh Amenities Company Board of Directors appointed consultants, SKS Scotland in June.



SKS provides services to charities, social enterprises, social businesses and third sector organisations to help develop their long-term sustainability.

SKS Scotland is to undertake a programme of work to progress the transfer of the former primary school site from the Highland Council to community ownership.

The consultants will undertake work and develop a relevant and up to date business plan. This will include identification and analysis of options for each area within the site, associated opportunities, benefits, risks and identify preferred development options with costs and potential sources of funding.

The key outputs from the consultancy programme will include community engagement and consultation, a robust sustainable business plan, and production of a

realistic, costed development proposal with funding identified.

The consultancy programme will then make an application to the Scottish Land Fund for acquisition costs and revenue funding for up to 2 years on behalf of the community.

The Maryburgh Amenities Company Board held a commissioning meeting with SKS Scotland on the 20<sup>th</sup> June.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> July the MAC Board had a meeting with consultants and officers of the Highland Council in order to undertake a site visit and to discuss aspirations for the site.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> July the consultants agreed a detailed programme of work with the MAC board and have informed them that work is expected to be completed by the end of October 2016.

A lot of work has already been done and many members of the community have contributed to earlier community consultation exercises about the school. If SKS Scotland is to produce a successful application they need to update much of this, so the consultants will be undertaking some further community consultation work very soon.

The lead consultant for SKS Scotland on the project is Colin Duff. If you would like to make any comments about the use of the school, or ask the consultants any questions, Colin can be contacted by email at [colin@winningwords.org.uk](mailto:colin@winningwords.org.uk) or by telephone on 0131 237 5616 or 07784 357 303.

Alternatively, if anyone would like further clarification they can contact the Maryburgh board chairman at [jamedunsmore@hotmail.com](mailto:jamedunsmore@hotmail.com) or reply to the e-bulletin email and I will pass on the message.

## Future Plans

The fundraising committee have several more planned events. More information including dates and time, will advertised in the local press, Maryburgh Roundabout, eBulletin Maryburgh website and on our social media nearer the time.

## August Event

There is a Volunteering Day planned for the end of August, possibly the 27 August, but I don't have any further information at the moment

## September Event

**Pet show** - following the huge turnout at last year's gala pet show we are going to make it an event in its own right. (NB The races that were planned last year will be at the start of the event ☺)



## October Event

Race night and disco 1st October in the Cottage Bar.

## Maryburgh Hub Website

If you have internet access and want to keep in touch with what is happening, then why not go online and visit the website at: <http://maryburghhub.info/>