



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. This e-bulletin is a bit later than normal, but this is due to my work load at the moment and house decorating that was urgently needed. The January board meeting was also postponed for a week and I wanted to find out if there was anything discussed at the meeting that members of the company should be informed about. The year got off to a good start with the 2015 AGM held in January and the new board of directors have now been confirmed for 2016.



Figure 1 – Maryburgh looking south down Proby Street with Welcome sign and War Memorial on right side of picture

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on 20th January in the Amenities Centre. A total of 15 members attended the AGM plus three local councillors and the Highland Council Ward Manager, Di Agnew. The councillors that attended were Angela Maclean, Margaret Paterson and Graham Mackenzie.

After I gave a summary of the main activities that had occurred during the previous year the new board of directors was elected. The following directors were elected at the meeting.

- Tom Menzies
- Jane Menzies
- Bill Mackenzie
- Jamie Dunsmore
- Liz Sinclair

Jane had been the treasurer for the previous 12 months, but not a director. It was thought that the board should have a financial director specifically responsible for the finances of the company. Jane agreed to become the financial director.

In order to wait until the lottery application outcome was known the previous board had decided to hold off having the AGM until January, rather than in October. Since the accounts had to be submitted to Companies House by March 2016 it had been decided by the previous board to submit these to the Accountants Mackenzie Kerr to produce a formal financial statement before the March deadline. This would avoid the risk of a financial penalty for the Maryburgh Amenities Company.

The meeting concluded with discussion to arrange a meeting with the board, councillors and Di Agnew. Di Agnew stated she had postponed the report to the Asset Board until the beginning of March, therefore she asked if the meeting with the board could be convened prior to this. The new board arranged for the first board meeting to be held on the following week, on Tuesday 26 January. It was decided to arrange the meeting with the councillors after this board meeting. This first board meeting was however delayed until the first week in February.



New Board Meeting



The first meeting of the new board of directors was held on 3rd February 2016. The Maryburgh Community Council have two director positions on the board. These positions were filled by Jenny MacLennan and Andrew Steel.

They elected Jamie Dunsmore as the new Chair of the board. His email address for anyone wishing contact the board is:

jamiedunsmore@hotmail.com.

The new board of directors is as follows:

- Jamie Dunsmore (Chair of Directors)
- Jane Menzies (Financial Director)
- Tom Menzies (MAC Director)
- Bill Mackenzie (MAC Director)
- Liz Sinclair (MAC Director)
- Jenny MacLennan (CC Director)
- Andrew Steel (CC Director)

Morley Meinertz has very kindly agreed to continue as the minute secretary.



Climate Challenge Fund

The Keep Scotland Beautiful - Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) was approached for help with improving the Amenities Centre heating. On the 9 February Jenny MacLennan received a reply from Keep Scotland Beautiful with the following comments:

Unfortunately, we are not able to fund efficient renovation project without a wider behaviour change project and we are unable to fund new heating system or micro renewables.

CCF has three overarching criteria that all projects must meet to be considered eligible for funding these are Community, Carbon and Legacy.



Youth Event

On a more positive note, Jenny received an email from Rhiannon, Youth Highland.

She would like to work with the young people in Maryburgh and get them together and doing something in the community.

The idea is to run a 2 day fun weekend. Youth Highland have member clubs that are willing to come and run a skate boarding session, a gaming session run by young people from the Highland Gaming league and a family film showing run by a film group.

This could be a great community activity and make use of the Amenities Centre.

The proposed dates for this event are the 23rd – 24th April. Anyone interested should contact the board or Rhiannon directly at old post office in Dingwall.



Web Site

The Board are hoping to update and include more information on the Maryburgh Hub website and Facebook page. You can visit both by clicking on the links at bottom of each page. Sorry the links don't work on the printed copies.

