



## 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 therefore sent out regularly to all members of the company who have an email account. I apologise for those without email, but important information will still be published in the Maryburgh Roundabout and appear on the village web site for all residents. If any members know of anyone who does not have email, please help by printing and passing on a copy of this newsletter.



*Figure 1 – Maryburgh looking north*

## Organisation

The Maryburgh Amenities Company Ltd is still not registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). Until the company is registered as a charity with OSCR we may have to pay tax to HMRC on any profits made by the company. When our statement of accounts is sent to Companies House at the end of June, any money in our account may be identified as profits. This may be money raised by hiring the Community Centre or money raised by volunteers by fundraising.

The reason we are not registered with OSCR is that because the company is transferring our charitable status from the Maryburgh Amenities Association. To do this all the assets belonging to the Association need to be

transferred to the Maryburgh Amenities Company first. The only asset still outstanding is the lease from the Highland Council for the land the Community Centre is built on and the football pitch. This was discussed by the Highland Council on the 13 March 2013. The following is an extract from the draft notes of that meeting:

*The community is currently setting up a charitable company limited by guarantee whose remit will be to improve the quality of life of people living and working in the area. It is hoped that it will have the capacity to help local individuals and small businesses and complement the range of other facilities and services found in the area.*

*Taking ownership of the whole site, including those areas already leased to Maryburgh Amenities Association by the Highland Council, will give the community control of the full range of opportunities to develop income streams to fund the*

*maintenance, repair and running of the community facilities.*

*The Group, along with Maryburgh Amenities Association, are working towards forming a Company Limited by Guarantee. They have received permission from OSCR and have sought legal advice on transfer, lease and ownership of other assets (the MAA currently lease the adjoining football pitch and land on which the Community Hall is sited). It is anticipated that the Company (Maryburgh Amenities Company Ltd) **will be in place and current assets transferred prior to 31 August 2013.***

The company was registered with Companies House in June 2013 but the lease transfer has still not been completed despite assurances this matter is now being fast-tracked through the legal department.

## Building Inspection

In response to a letter of complaint regarding the Community Centre facilities the Maryburgh Board of Directors carried out a visual inspection of the building and surrounding area to identify existing problems and list improvements to be carried out. The following list indicates the problems that need to be addressed:

- Pot-holes and broken paving
- External lighting
- Drainage gutters & downpipes
- Blocked toilets
- No guards on fluorescent light
- Store room extension roof
- Broken window in changing room
- Damaged floor panel on stage
- Inadequate heaters
- Walls need a fresh coat of paint
- Flooring in entrance hall
- Damaged & missing Ceiling tiles
- Hole in the wall

The money raised each year through the Gala day and hall hire charges is just sufficient to cover ongoing costs such as heating etc. There are not sufficient funds to carry out many of the repairs needed. Some of the problems identified can be rectified at very little expense. All that is needed are volunteers to give up some time to help. Other problems will need fundraising if they are to be achieved. Again we need volunteers to help organise fundraising events to raise the money needed. Anyone willing to help should contact the Board of Directors at [contact@maryburghhub.info](mailto:contact@maryburghhub.info). A full report of the inspection is also available for anyone who wishes know more.



## The Maryburgh Skateboard Group



The Aviva Community Fund voting has now closed. Our project has received 1,079 votes from residents and their friends. We now have to wait until June 4th to find out if that was sufficient for the Maryburgh youth to be included in the finals. There will only be 20 finalists selected from our category. These 20 winners will be announced on the 29 June. To everyone who helped by voting and getting their friends to vote, the skateboard group and the Board of Directors would like to thank you for all your help.

## Bicentennial Video

When the Bicentennial celebrations were announced Siobhan and myself offered to repeat the contribution we had made for the millennium exhibition 15 years ago and produce another video about the village. The previous video showed the history of the village and how it had grown and changed since 1800. For the Bicentennial we wanted to produce a different aspect of the village, but have found it difficult to identify a suitable subject for the project.

Taking on the position of Chair of the Maryburgh Amenities Company has also left me with less time to concentrate on the video project. With the Gala day fast approaching time is also running out.

Speaking to various people in the village there is a distinct lack of knowledge of much of the work carried out by willing volunteers. With this in mind I have decided that what the village needs for a Bicentennial video is a Participatory Video. Rather than Siobhan and me

taking photos and video around the village we want all the groups and volunteers who contribute so much to community life to participate. If you organise a community group, help with fundraising or help with the Maryburgh Roundabout, we want to hear from you. Remember, I don't know or have contact details for all the community groups in the village, so it is important you contact me in the first instant.

Do you have photos, stories or video about what your group, however informal has been doing over the last few years. Please let us have as much material as we can. Siobhan and I will take this information and create a Bicentennial Participatory Video. We can only do this with your help, if you tell us about your activities and provide photos or video.



My plan is, if I get enough material, to have the video ready for the Maryburgh Annual General Meeting in November. This will provide some entertainment after the business meeting and hopefully provide a reasonable finale to this Bicentennial year.

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