



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 month has seen some progress being made with a number of problems that have been outstanding for some time. Some repairs have been carried to the Community Centre; the Maryburgh Amenities Company is now registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and this e-bulletin has passed its first milestone of being published each month for the last 6 months. Other issues are still ongoing, the main one is obtaining Stage 1 Lottery funding to progress the takeover of the greenspace in the village and refurbish the Community Centre.



Figure 1 – Maryburgh Free Church of Scotland

Building Repairs

Craig Evans and his tradesmen have been busy last month. The broken window in the Gents changing room has now been replaced with a new sealed unit. After a slight hitch with the ceiling tiles these are now ready to fit. All we need is some willing volunteers. When Craig delivered the ceiling tiles at the beginning of August, he discovered the wrong tiles had been delivered. The problem has now been resolved and I have the correct tiles stored ready for fitting.

Fitting the tiles should not take long. The plan is to remove the existing tiles that aren't broken or cracked from the entrance hall and use these to replace the broken tiles in the Ladies and Gents toilets. The new tiles can then be fitted in the

entrance hall. It would be good to repaint the entrance hall walls at the same time and improve the appearance of the main entrance ready for this winter.



Charitable Status

After what has seemed like a millennium our charity name has now been changed from Maryburgh Amenities Association to the Maryburgh Amenities Company. That means we can now raise funds for the community benefit without the risk of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) claiming tax on our profits. In August the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator informed us that the charity name has now been updated. We still have to provide the Charity Regulator with evidence that all our funds in the Association bank account have been transferred to the new company, but this will be dealt with over the next week or so.

Lottery Funding

Jenny MacLennan the Futures Group Chair has been in discussion with the Big Lottery Fund over the last month. At the moment our application is being assessed and we can only wait and hope for a successful outcome. Jenny has also been in discussion with the Highland Council and they have now given us a further extension until December to produce a viable business plan, before they investigate other options for the old school and greenspace.



Unless we can produce a detailed, costed and sustainable business plan for how the school and greenspace can be used for the benefit of the community, the Council may decide to sell it for housing development. Some of us have been looking into alternative possibilities for the site if the Lottery application is not successful. What is now needed is someone in the village who has the time to formulate some of these ideas into a formal business plan. Any offers would be appreciated.

Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Maryburgh Amenities Company Board of Directors is due to take place on the 16th September 2015. If anyone in the community wishes to make suggestions or has issues they would like the Board to discuss; then please let us know before the meeting.

Help Needed

The graphic below is a list of the various different types of help needed to develop and renovate the Community Centre over the next few months.



CAN YOU HELP?

e-Bulletin

The e-Bulletin has been published each month since the 1st April so this sixth edition means the e-Bulletin is 6 months old.

The idea of issuing an e-Bulletin each month was to try and keep as many of the members of the Maryburgh Amenities Company informed of the progress being made in the community.

The reason why it has been issued as an email attachment is so that we can inform as many members as possible without incurring extra

costs that the company cannot afford.

However, there are members who either do not have email addresses or I do not have a record of an email address for them. Many of these members have received copies of the e-Bulletins printed and delivered by a small group of volunteers in the village. All the Board members are very grateful for their efforts each month.

If you have received this e-Bulletin through your letterbox, but do have an email address please let us know.

