



## KYLE OF SUTHERLAND Gala week

MINUTES OF AGM – FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

Present - Caroline Munro, Claire Bruce (minutes), Carole Morrice, Carrie Vettters, Elissa Steven, Sally Mackintosh

Apologies – Gail Munro, Alan Ross

Item
Adoption of previous AGM minutes from 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2009.
Proposed by Elissa Stevens and seconded by Sally Mackintosh.
<p>Convenor's Report</p> <p>The year began with our AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009. It was fantastic to see such a large turnout, with 11 people in attendance - almost a 200% increase on the previous year's meeting! Caroline Munro stepped down as Treasurer, with Gail Munro agreeing to take over the financial reins and Caroline taking on the sub-treasurer's role. Claire Bruce continued as Secretary and I was voted on as Convenor for a second year. Wilma Campbell and Carol Morrice stayed on as ordinary members and we were delighted to welcome new members Elissa Stevens, Carrie Vettters and Sally Mackintosh.</p> <p>At the subsequent meeting it was agreed that the committee-run events during the Gala would be kept to the weekends, with other organisations holding their events during the week.</p> <p>Our first event of the year was the Christmas Float, which saw Santa visiting both Ardgay and Bonar, with his elves handing out sweets along the way. This was a great success enjoyed by all the children and should become an annual event.</p> <p>On the 12<sup>th</sup> of March we held our first film night in Bonar. The film licence for the hall prevented us from advertising the exact films to be shown, so it was called a Chick Flick night. Entry was charged at £5 and included refreshments. It was agreed that in future we should try to raise funds to cover the cost of a licence that would allow the name of the film to be publicised in advance.</p> <p>The weather was wet for the Easter Egg hunt on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, however a fun-filled afternoon was had by all the children who came along to Ardgay Hall to enjoy the bouncy castle, bonnet making and egg hunting.</p> <p>The Queen Dance was held to Wood and Stone on the 12<sup>th</sup> June in Bonar hall. There was an average turn out with an overall profit with the door and bar takings. Ashleigh Dale was chosen by the band as the 2010 Salmon Queen.</p> <p>Fundraising continued throughout the year. Two clothes swaps were successful in that we were donated a huge amount of clothing and those who attended enjoyed the home baking and picked up some bargains, however there were very few people at each one, so the amount of money generated meant it was not worthwhile to hold any more. The idea of a village thrift shop to raise money for a range of local organisations was explored, but a lack of suitable</p>

premises has mean this idea has had to be shelved for the time being. Other ideas included the pub quiz league, bake stalls and a 250 Club, which is to launch at the end of 2010. The committee also provided the bar at the starting line of the annual PTA 4-Legged race, which gave another boost to our funds.

Both the bouncy castle and slide continue to be fantastic assets, raising money at the Rosehall Fun Day, Lairg Gala Week, Lairg Crofter's Show and the Invercharron Highland Games, as well as having a very busy summer of private hires.

The Gala Week itself was generally successful. New events over the week included a trip to Dornoch Beach to take part in their Festival Week's sandcastle competition, a children's craft day, golf competitions and a chilli eating contest. The gala were kindly supported throughout the week by organisations like the Forestry Commission, the Youth Group, Bonar and Invershin Village Hall Committees, the Bridge and Dunroamin hotels and the Whist group, who all held their own events for the programme. Some usually popular events, such as the wheelbarrow race, were poorly supported, whilst others, like the pub quiz, were a great success.

The band for this year's last dance was Blue Ridge, who had been very popular in the past. However attendance was fairly low, especially compared to the large number who turned out in the previous year. We did, however make a small profit so that was something positive. Members of the Lairg Crofter's Show committee kindly ran the bar for us again this year, after members of our committee ran their show dance bar. This is a great money-saving arrangement for both committees and one that should hopefully continue in the future.

De-brief notes were made following the gala, so hopefully using these we can improve the programme again next year to encourage as many people as possible to come out to support the events. The next challenge will be to increase the number of committee members to ensure there are enough people to make the events possible.

This year also saw the Gala committee take over the running of the Bonar Bridge Children's Christmas Party with a sub-committee established to take over its organisation. Discussions with Ardgay about a joint party have begun but for this year the format will continue with a separate party in each village.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the committee for all their hard work and support in making the 2010 gala another success.

Alan Ross  
Convenor 2010.

#### Treasurer's Report

Caroline went through the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is attached. It will also be displayed in the butcher's shop window for the public to see.

#### Election of Office Bearers

All the current office bearers stepped down from their posts, with resignations submitted by Caroline Munro and Claire Bruce. The new Office Bearers were elected as follows –

Convenor : Carol Morrice

Proposed by Claire

Seconded by Caroline

Secretary: Sally Mackintosh

Proposed by Caroline  
Seconded by Carol

Treasurer: Gail Munro

Proposed by Elissa  
Seconded by Sally

Committee Members: Carrie Vettters and Elissa Steven.

On behalf of the outgoing committee, Claire thanked everyone for attending and showing their support for the gala week.

There then followed a discussion regarding the poor attendance at tonight's meeting and whether the Gala could continue with such a small committee. It was agreed that unless more members could be found the Gala would not go ahead in 2011.

A meeting will be held in The Bridge Hotel on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in an attempt to recruit more people. Carol will write a note for the Northern Times explaining that the Gala will not go ahead without more support. The Facebook page and website will also be updated with a 'Save the Gala Week' slogan.

The meeting was formally closed.