

**Dores Gala Annual General Meeting  
12 April 2011, Dores Village Hall**

Present: Lorna MacLennan, Roddie Ross, Rhuaridh Campbell, Candy Cameron, Linda Innes, Hilary Parkey

Apologies: Jane Manson, Ruth & Jonny Seaton, Laic

Everyone was warmly welcomed to the meeting.

There was debate about holding another Gala this year - all agreed that unless more people expressed an interest in becoming part of the Gala committee, there would not be a Gala day in 2011. This was felt to be necessary given the amount of organisation which is required but would be very unfortunate - particularly since all the feedback indicated that the 2010 Gala Day was a great success and enjoyed by many.

Candy and Linda said that decided not to be part of the Gala Committee in 2011 although they offered their help with organising and running events if a Gala was to go ahead. They were thanked for their involvement and all the help they had given last year.

If there were to be a 2011 Gala, the following were discussed:

- a) Committee office bearers could, if agreed, comprise Lorna – Chair; Rhuaridh – Treasurer; Roddie – Assistant Treasurer; Hilary – Minute Secretary. Jane would be asked to be Secretary.
- b) Possible date - 2nd September 2011. Everyone agreed to speak to others in the village to get their views on when it should be held. **Action – everyone**
- c) The aim would be to hold an event very similar to the 2010 Gala in terms of size, stalls, events etc..
- d) Because of this, because everyone was much more experienced and because there would be more time to organise, it was felt that it should be easier to organise and there wouldn't need to be as many committee meetings.
- e) Having people (both within the committee and other key folk) with delegated areas of responsibility was felt to work well – this would be built on. (Also have back-up people delegated as a contingency).
- f) More people were needed to lead on organising events / stalls / setting up etc.
- g) Everyone was asked to speak to others in the village and wider district to get a feel for who would be interested in organising particular aspects. **Action - everyone.**
- h) Dance to be in village hall again. Would aim for one band preceded by a kiddies disco again (which was especially successful)

- i) As the silent auction was felt to have been challenging, potentially to run have an alternative for this year such as a raffle. This will require to be organised well in advance.
- j) Keen to organise a hog roast again as it was felt to be very successful. Also keen to carry on selling hog roast rolls at the night time / dance too.
- k) More seating / tables would be set up for the day event.

### **Equipment**

Roddie noted that funding was being sought by the Dores Hall Committee to purchase a container to hold various village equipment as the current arrangements were unsatisfactory. There was great support for this. Roddie agreed to speak to Gavin to find out more before the next Gala meeting. **Action - Roddie.**

Roddie agreed to check the gala gazebos as some had been wind damaged on the day. He would ask Jane – and any others who were interested - to help with this. **Action - Roddie.**

### **Finances**

It was agreed that the final accounts from the 2010 Dores Gala would be presented to an Extraordinary Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 27 April. **Action - Rhuaridh**

An independent book-keeper would be sought to check the accounts. **Action - Rhuaridh**

### **Committee Business**

It was agreed that the constitution of the Dores & District Gala Committee would be reviewed after the meeting to make sure it was fit for purpose. **Action - Hilary to write-up.**

It was suggested that the Community Council were approached with a suggestion which could help to rationalise some aspects of event organisation and associated expenditure. Roddie agreed to contact the Community Council with a proposal. **Action - Roddie.**

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 27th April 7.30 – The Old Mill (Lorna's House)

**All with an interest in a Gala being held in 2011 – whether or not you want to be part of the Committee – are strongly encouraged to attend.**