

Dores Gala Meeting
5th May 2011, The Old Mill Dores

Present: Lorna (chair), Ruairidh, Annette, Ruth, Roddie, Hilary, Gavin.

1. Gala Committee

Lorna highlighted that a couple of other people had expressed interest in becoming involved in and / or part of the Gala Committee. Lorna would encourage them to attend the next meeting.

Agreed that this year's Gala would be held on **Saturday 3rd September**.

2. Treasure Map

Everyone keen that the Hunt the Nessie treasure map is used again. There was some discussion about the amount of profit this previously made. It was suggested that the cost of 'tickets' is kept low and the prize money was also reduced (£1,000 last time). There was some debate about whether committee members would be able to buy tickets themselves – to be agreed at a future meeting.

The cost of tickets etc will be worked out once we know the number of treasure 'squares' available. May need to print a new loch ness treasure map - if so **Ruairidh** has a possible photo.

Annette to find the treasure map and let folk know if it can be used again or whether a new one (e.g. with more squares) is needed.

3. Accounts / Funding

Dores Gala Committee account stands at £5840.43. 2010/11 Account figures to be added to Gala's book-keeping journal. **Action - Ruairidh**

Annette agreed to help find an independent book-keeper to audit accounts.

4. Equipment

Gavin was welcomed to the meeting. He has sourced and is aiming to purchase a container (@30 foot) for use by Dores community for a range of purposes including for hall and gala equipment. To be housed at the hall Suggested that it is managed by the Hall Committee and that there be only one key holder to make it easier to manage. **Gavin** to explore possible coverage via hall insurance.

Hilary agreed to write to the ? Trust on behalf of the Hall and Gala Committees etc. to seek funding for the Dores community container. Other community organisations or representatives who may have a possible interest in using the container to let Hilary know of their interest so that she can highlight the range of possible community interests in the funding application. – **Action - All**

Gavin agreed to explore whether scope for purchasing insurance which would cover the wide range of Dores community events.

It was suggested that more robust gazebos / tents were required if new ones to be bought.

Majority of the gala equipment has been moved to the Youth Club shed.

Several folk agreed to do inventory of gala equipment before the next Gala meeting.

Action - Annette, Roddie, Lorna (and possibly Jane).

Roddie to find out if Jane wants to be involved.

5. Dance

Dores community to be asked to put forward suggestions for a band for the evening. As the dance is to be held in the hall, and so there will be limited numbers, it won't be possible to cover the cost of an expensive band.

Everyone agreed to speak to others in the community to get suggestions for bands. People to be encouraged to send band suggestions to Dores Community website including if possible - type of music e.g. Celtic; covers band; blues etc. **Action – all**

Ruth and Jonny offered to run the Kid's disco again.

Lorna to explore possible cost of Farmer Dunc. as DJ.

6. Gala 2010

There was discussion about thank you etc. letters.

7. Next meeting

This will focus on:

ÿ Brainstorming for stalls and activity ideas

ÿ Agreeing cost of non-Gala stalls

ÿ Purchasing equipment

Also agreed to discuss and agree what this year's aim and purpose of the Dores Gala 2011 and gala funding raising would be. (The aims of the 2010 Gala had been to hold a community / family focused event for Dores and district residents and their families; raise funding for the Gala Committee in order for it to hold future events and; provide opportunities for other Dores related community organisations to raise their own funding.)

Suggestions for aim of Dores gala to be sought from Dores community. **Action - all**

8. **Date of Next Meeting – NEW DATE**

~~Tuesday 31 May 7.30 at Roddie Ross's house (Torr Gardens)~~

NOTE NEW DATE Thursday 2nd June 7.30 at Roddie Ross's house (Torr Gardens)

Everyone to be emailed the day before to remind them of the meeting - **Action Lorna**